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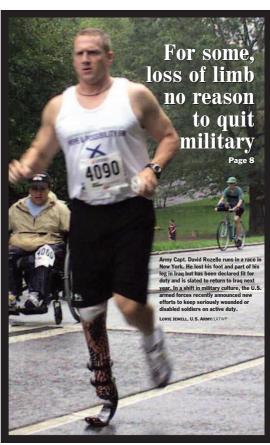
# Rumsfeld staying for 2nd term

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A young Army fan "roasts" the Navy goat along the sidelines during the Army-Navy flag football game in Naples, Italy. Navy did some roasting of its own, taking the game from Army 27-12. The Midshipmen were the clear favorites on the real gridiron, but the game was still under way at presstime. See tomorrow's edition for details.



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## Nation

Gay marriage dispute: Proponents of gay marriage told a judge that arguments over whether marriage is designed to foster procreation and whether gays make good parents

are irrelevant to their case.

Twelve couples are suing to get California to overturn its statutory ban on gay marriage, a response to legal claims of two

Christian groups.

In briefs filed Friday, the couples' lawyers pointed out to Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer that California's Legislature
and Supreme Court have already settled the
procreation-parenting question by allowing
gays to have children through adoption or reproductive technology.

Kramer has set a Dec. 22 hearing on the constitutional issues raised in the couples' lawsuit and a companion case brought by the city of San Francisco.

Catholic abuse settlement: A record-breaking, \$100-million clergy sex abuse settlement between the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange and 87 plaintiffs brought some measure of relief to long-suffering families Friday, but legal experts differed over whether the blockbuster deal would help resolve a huge backlog of cases in California:

The agreement, reached late Thursday and expected to be finalized as soon as Monday, surpasses the previous record of \$85 million awarded to 552 victims of clergy abuse in Boston in 2003, a participant in settlement negotiations said.

It wasn't clear how much of the settlement insurers would pay and how much the diocese would provide, but church officials said the deal would not bankrupt the diocese or require the closure of any of its 55 parishes.

Columbine investigation: A couple who say they warned authorities about one of the Columbine High School killers more than a year before the massacre want the Jefferson County district attorney and four other lawvers disbarred.

Randy and Judy Brown, who contacted the sheriff's office in 1997 and 1998 with complaints that teen gunman Eric Harris had bullied their son, say the attorneys failed to disclose materials that could have been used as evidence in lawsuits filed after the 1999 assault on the high school.

They asked the Colorado Supreme Court judiciary review committee on Thursday for investigations against attorneys who attended a meeting two days after the April 20, 1999, attack in which Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 13 people before committing suicide.

Robert Blake trial: A lawyer monitoring the investigation into the theft of a computer containing key records of actor Robert Blake's defense said Friday the murder trial may have to be delayed.

James Blatt, the special master appointed to monitor the Los Angeles police investigation into the burglary, said the theft raises questions about whether the trial can start Monday, as scheduled.

Los Ángeles Superior Court Judge Darlene E. Schempp delayed a pre-trial hearing to allow Schwartzbach to inventory missing materials and report back Monday. That is the same day the judge told jurors to report for the start of trial.

Tiger escape lawsuit: Two people have filed suit against an animal trainer and a circus after a tiger escaped from its cage last year and caused a multi-car accident they claim left them with back injuries.

New York City police detective Maureen O'Malley and Quisorys Wanda Colon of Queens are each seeking \$30 million in dam-



Scott Peterson case: Joe and Janey Peterson leave the San Mateo Superior Courthouse in Redwood City, Callf., on Friday after Joe, Scott Peterson's half brother, took the stand in the sentencing phase of Scott Peterson. Peterson, 32, faces either the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole for the 2002 murders. Peterson's lawyers told Judge Alfred A. Delucchi they planned to call about 20 more witnesses. Delucchi told jurors to expect testimony into Tuesday, possibly even Wednesday, before colosing arzuments.

ages, according to the lawsuits. The 7-year-old, 450-pound Bengal tiger, Apollo, escaped as it was being transferred

Apollo, escaped as it was being transferred from a small cage to a larger one in Queens last July. Apollo strolled past a church picnic and into a residential neighborhood, then crossed the Jackie Robinson Parkway, where the collisions occurred.

Segregation amendment: A statewide recount showed that Alabama narrowly voted to keep language in the state constitution supporting segregation and poll taxes, according to unofficial totals released Friday.

supporting segregation and poin caxes, according to unofficial totals released Friday. Secretary of State Nancy Worley said voters defeated the amendment by just 1,850 votes out of more than 1.3 million cast.

The original vote count showed the amendment lost by the same margin, or 0.13 percent.

Worley cautioned that the totals are unofficial until the votes are certified next week.

The amendment would have erased unenforced language from Alabama's constitution that required segregated schools and

poll taxes, which were designed to keep blacks from voting.

Elizabeth Smart case: A judge ordered a new round of competency evaluations in the

Elizabeth Smart kidnapping case Friday after the suspect broke out in a Christmas hymn at a court hear-

nig.
Judge Judith Atherton's order came after Brian David Mitchell closed his eyes and sang, "Oh come, oh come, Immanuel," the name he used as a street preacher.



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After about 40 seconds of the tune, the

judge ordered Mitchell from the courtroom.

Mitchell's lawyers said he had grown increasingly delusional in iail since Septem-

ber, when the judge declared him competent after seven months of dueling evaluations

#### World

IRA, Northern Ireland talks: The Irish Republican Army still hasn't contacted the Northern Ireland disarrament chief, raising doubts about the outlawed group's alleged commitment to a new peace deal, the major Protestant leader declared Saturday.

Democratic Unionist leader Ian Paisley
— whose uncompromising British Protestant party is resisting pressure to form an administration alongside Sinn Fein, the IRA-linked party backed by most Catholics — said he wouldn't revive power-sharing unless the IRA disarms and shuts down.

The British and Irish prime ministers, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, say they have received assurances from Sinn Fein that the IRA would disarm speedily and cease all activities as part of any agreement.

France, U.S. custody battle: A 4-year-old girl at the center of a trans-Atlantic custody battle that drew attention at the highest levels of French government was turned over to her American father on Friday.

An appeals court ruled hours earlier that David Washington, from New York state, had custody over his daughter Charlotte.

The child came into national focus this fall when French police scaled the walls of her nursery school in southern France and barged into her classroom in a bid to return her to her father.

Teachers hid the child and the police left empty-handed, but Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin expressed shock at what he called their "unacceptable" behav-

Friday's appeals court decision returned to the May 13 ruling, saying there "was no danger" found in giving the father custody and he could remove his daughter from foster care, said the girl's court-appointed lawyer, Joelle Tosca-Zonino.

#### Rusiness

Euron case: Nearly one-third of potential Houston-area jurors surveyed on behalf of former Enron Corp, CEO Jeffrey Skillings aid they associate his name with words like "evil" and "pig," but the two-thirds who don't show he and company founder Kenneth Lay can face a fair jury at home, federal prosecutors said in a court filing Friday.

The government minimized Skilling's argument — supported by Lay and former top Enron accountant Richard Causey, the third defendant in what is expected to be the blockbuster of Enron-related criminal cases — that the yet-unscheduled trial must be moved outside of Texas to select an imparmoved outside of Texas to select an impar-

U.S. District Judge Sim Lake has yet to rule on the issue.

#### War on terrorism

Germans arrest terror suspect: German authorities Saturday arrested a fourth man on suspicion of involvement in an al-Qaida-linked group's alleged plot to attack Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi during his visit to Berlin this week.

Meanwhile, the three Iraqis already in custody for their alleged roles in the plot denied the accusations against them during questioning Saturday by a judge, Der Spiegel newsweekly reported Saturday. The judge will decide whether to issue an arrest warrant against them.

The fourth suspect, a man with Lebanese citizenship, was arrested in Berlin on suspicion of supporting a foreign terrorist organization, federal prosecutors' spokesman Hartmut Schneider said.

Stories and photos from wire services

# **Caution light: Carjacking on rise in Naples**

# Italy has recorded 9,000 incidents nationwide in 2004

By SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Suspicion and fear keep Wylie Miller alive in what he calls a Mediterranean "paradise."

"There's a layer of paranoia we build our lives on," said the 66-year-old Naples resident, twice the victim of crime which for some people is synonymous with life in southern Italy. "You have to, in order to survive over here."

One of those crimes occurred in 2002 when Miller was the victim of a carjacking. He sustained injuries when the crook spead away in his 1999 metallic silver Nissan Micra after colliding with Miller's left arm in a crash that sent the California transplant tumbling to the ground.

Carjacking incidents are on the rise in Naples, said Petty Officer 1st Class Adriann Wolfe of the criminal investigations division of Naval Support Activity Naples Security.

So far this year, Italian authorities have logged 9,000 carjackings, she said. While thieves might not target Americans directly, Americans have been vic-

Of the 9,000, four have involved Americans. Three were completed carjackings in which cars were taken, and one was an attempt in which the driver real-

ized what was happening and jumped back into her car and sped off, Wolfe said.

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American number is small compared to the overall reports, those are the "official" cases in which victims took time to make written complaints, Wolfe said.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service keeps logs only of written complaints. There are about a dozen cases in which security received emergency phone calls of carjackings, but which



SANDRA JONTZ/Stars and Stripes

Wylie Miller points out the spot where his Nissan Micra was carjacked in 2002. The car was stolen after he stopped to inspect some suspected damage to the rear of the vehicle and left his keys inside.

people failed to follow through by lodging written complaints, she said.

Of the four logged cases, none of the victims sustained serious injuries, Wolfe said.

se was an atdriver realNCIS works with six Italian investigators in Naples hired by the military security department to be liaisons with the

local national police for incidents involving U.S. or Joint Forces Command personnel and fami-

Staying alert and aware of your surroundings is one of the best preventative pieces of advice, Wolfe said. Motorists should always keep doors locked — including while driving — keep windows rolled up and keep belong-

ings out of view.

If there is an accident with an-

other vehicle, drivers should pull to safe, well-lit areas before getting out to inspect damage, she said. And they should do so only after indicating to the other driver that you recognize there might have been a collision so that it does not appear as if you are running from the scene, she advised.

Tactics thieves use to lure drivers from their cars include throwing objects such as rocks or bottles, using multiple vehicles to box in a motorist, causing a fender-bender or using a rubber malet to feign a crash, which gets a driver to stop but minimizes actured to the car, increasing its value for "resale," Wolfe said. The mallet trick is what fooled

He then made a second crucial

Thieves employe tactics like throwing objects such as rocks or bottles, using multiple vehicles to box in a motorist, causing a fender-bender or using a rubber mallet to feign a crash to have drivers from their cars.

error after pulling off to the side of the road to inspect damage: He left the keys in the car.

Miller, who has lived in Naples for more than 20 years and volunteers with an association for U.S. retirees living in southern Italy, pulled to the side of road, and got out of his car when the young Italian male told him Miller's vehicle sustained damage and his left tail light was lying on the pavement.

A second male, whom Miller

did not see at first, jumped into Miller's car and took off. The first man, still in his own vehicle, sped off, leaving the injured Miller lying on Via Beccadelli, the road leading to the Agnano base.

A painful lesson of a snippet of the reality of Neapolitan life, he said, but one he'll never forget and with luck, awareness and paranoia, won't let happen again.

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## **AFN to broadcast Christmas concert live**

American troops in Baghdad and in 177 countries around the world will be able to watch Amy Grant and Vince Gill's Monday night Christmas concert live via the Armed Forces

The show will originate from the SBC Center in San Antonio. An added feature of the event will be a two-way audio/video hookup that will enable selected soldiers and their family members in the audience to see and talk to each other. This will mark the first time that such a face-to-face hookup has been arranged, according to AFN spokesman Larry Sichter.

AFN viewers in Europe will see the concert live on the overseas broadcast of the Pentagon Channel on Tuesday at 2:30

Troops in Baghdad's Green Zone will be viewing the show at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday. Those in Asia will see it at 10:30 a.m., Japan/Korea Time.

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The concert will be repeated on AFN Spectrum for regional
prime time audiences.

Viewers in Europe will see repeats Dec. 7 at 11:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central Europe Time, while viewers in Japan and Korea will see the AFN Spectrum rebroadcasts at 7 p.m. Tuesday and 2 a.m. Wednesday.

From The Associated Press

## Wiesbaden spouse's death ruled a homicide

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY Stars and Stripes

An Army spouse found dead sevral weeks ago in the couple's apart-

eral weeks ago in the couple's apartment in Wiesbaden, Germany, was the victim of a homicide, according to the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command.

A spokesman for the command, based at Fort Belvoir, Va., would not discuss the case in detail, other than to say 30-year-old Chevonne Talbot's "death has been ruled a homicide".

Talbot's husband is a soldier assigned to the 421st Medical Evacuation Battalion in Wiesbaden. Authorities have not identified the husband by name and he is not in custody.

"To protect the integrity of the in-

vestigation, I will not provide any details of the case at this point," Chris Grey explained in a written state-

"However, I will say that CID is aggressively working this investigation and is determined to bring the person or persons responsible for this crime to justice."

German authorities are assisting in the investigation, Grey added.

Talbot, of Georgetown, Guyana, a small country in South America, was found dead Oct. 12 in the couple's apartment in the Hainerberg Housing Area. Talbot's husband told police he found his wife's body when he returned home from work that dav.

A news release issued by German police soon after the death stated the woman's hands were bound and that she had a scarf wrapped around her neck. Talbot also had an object, which wasn't identified, stuck in her mouth.

Talbot was apparently having an affair with the husband of a female soldier, according to Wiesbaden police department official Oliver Welpot.

Welpot said the man, who has been questioned by authorities, had been in frequent contact with the victim through e-mails and telephone calls.

"The guy definitely knew the victim," Welpot said in an October interview. "He says they didn't have a sexual relationship, but it looks like they did."

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# Ramstein breaks ground on new shopping plaza

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the world.

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Col. Shelley Richardson

Stars and Strines

RAMSTEIN, Germany - While some of the buildings rising out of the construction dust at Ramstein

Air Base recently may seem expansive, rest as-sured: You ain't seen nothin' yet. Ground was officially broken Friday on the Department of Defense's largest construction project worldwide — a 729,000-square-foot, \$150 million

mall and hotel called the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center When finished in 2006, the center will be eight sto ries at its highest point, contain four movie screens, a bank, several restaurants and retail

stores, a travel agency, a food court and an outdoor recreation center, along with other amenities

This will be the biggest AAFES shopping mall in the world," said Col. Shelley Richardson, commander of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's European headquarters, at Friday's ceremony.

The complex will also feature a 350-room lodging facility within walking distance of the Ramstein pas-senger terminal, said Rhein-Main Transition Program Team Chief Capt. Darrell Hahn, of the 435th Civil Engineer Squadron

Financed by AAFES, Air Force nonappropriated funds, military construction money and Rhein-Main Transition Program funding, the center is meant to be the jewel in the crown of the expanding Ramstein base. Ramstein will become the European hub for U.S. military air traffic in December 2005, when Rhein-Main Air Base is shut down.

Friday's groundbreaking was attended by several German and U.S. military officials, who spoke to a crowd of nearly 100 people at the construction site. German contractors will be doing most of the construction work.

"Today we mark the beginning of a new era for amstein Air Base," said Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey, commander of Ramstein's 435th Air Base as a landmark of cooperation between the U.S. mili-tary and its German hosts.

The groundbreaking was purely symbolic, however, as tree clearing and preparatory work at the site has been under way for more than a year, Hahn said.

The lodging portion of the center will be the first part to be completed, in April 2006, with the shop-ping center to open its doors in August 2006, he said When everything is finished, the complex will be

ringed by four new traffic circles and 3,000 parking spaces, and the AAFES exchanges at Ramstein and Volgelweh will be shut

down, according to Hahn. While the KMCC is the largest single project in development in the Kaiserslautern military communitv. construction at the nearby Landstuhl Regional Med-

ical Center also is reaching a high point According to Landstuhl's chief of facilities man-agement, Michael Arseneau, the hospital is reaching a crescendo in its renovation of the 1950s-era facility with an upcoming \$8.5 million project to in-stall air conditioning throughout much of the facility. Crews are expected to start work on that project in February, he said The hospital is also in the midst of several other

renovation projects, including ■ A \$2 million improvement of the hospital's

"grossly undersized" eye-care center, which Arseneau said will be nearly doubled in size.

Construction of a \$500.000 vaccine center, to be

funded and staffed by DOD. ■ A general "face lift" for the intensive care unit,

expansion of the labor and delivery rooms and improvements to the audiology department.

• Ongoing upgrades to the medical center's gas,

sewer and electric systems. Landsuhl also is in the design phase for additions to its postpartum wing and a new \$1.4 million elec-

tricity transformer site, Arseneau said.



Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey, commander of the 435th Air Base Wing at Ramstein Air Base, helps break ground Friday for the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center Friday with members of a joint U.S.-Germany delegation. The 729,000-square-foot, \$150 million hotel and shopping center is the largest single construction project in the Department of Defense.

## Navy gives high ranks to sailors who hit the books

BY LEO SHANE III AND SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - Enlisted sailors may have to hit the books if they want to reach the highest ranks.

A new Navy military education policy, which in part guides professional development for all sailors, outlines general goals for emphasizing continuing education courses and college-level degrees for all enlisted personnel.

Ed Barker, spokesman for the Naval Ed-ucation and Training Command, said officials hope by 2010 to mandate associate and bachelor's degrees for sailors advancing to senior ranks, though no specific timetables or benchmarks have been set.

"The goal is to tell a young [sailor] now that if he plans to make senior chief, he should include education," he said. "There is going to come a time when, if you don't have that degree, it could hurt you.

In announcing the education proposals last month, Vice Adm. Alfred G. Harms Jr. said higher education is essential for enlisted servicemen "to better prepare them to operate tomorrow's fleet" and to ensure they are prepared to take over leadership roles in the Navy.

Currently servicemen being promoted to the highest enlisted ranks must graduate from the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy in Rhode Island. Air Force Senior Master



Petty Officer 2nd Class Elias Sanchez, 32, is earning a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma's satellite campus in Naples, Italy. He said his studies have "made me a better sailor," and he praised Navy leaders' efforts to make higher education a priority for sailors.

Sgt. David Egermier, spokesman for the academy, said the proposed rule change likely would not affect operations there, since most of their courses are specialized military management lessons

"Their thrust here is not to get college credits, even though some of our courses count as undergraduate credits," he said. "But it's understood that it helps everyone to have a degree.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Elias Sanchez 32, is working on a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma's satellite campus in Naples, Italy, and called the proposal a "positive challenge" for all sailors.

"It's made me a hetter sailor " he said "I feel more confident, and the more and better the education, the better my world view. The way the world is, it's so complicated, we need more formal studies.

Navy leaders have been supportive in encouraging sailors to pursue higher education when they're assigned to shore duty, Sanchez said. Next, they'll have to tackle making it easy to earn degrees while underway on ship

Officials from the other services said none requires collegiate degrees for promotion through the enlisted ranks, although all three do consider higher education as a major factor in military advancement.

Cmdr. Ron Hill, spokesman for the Chief of Naval Personnel, said about 2.5 percent of the Navy's enlisted sailors have bachelor's degrees or higher. Naval equipment and support services are becoming more complex, he said, and the sailors will have to keep up with those demands.

"It's another way to create healthy com-petition for promotions." Hill said. "It's about trying to create a slightly more selective force.

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# Army, Navy carry on football tradition in Europe

Stars and Strines

NAPLES, Italy — It may not be as old as its namesake, but Naples' Army-Navy flag football game has at least some of the tradition and all of the pride of the college ver-

While the game is about tradition, it's also about winning. Navy entered Sunday's game having won the 2003 game, but Army won the previous two.

"You know we've got this one," said a confident Navy running back Petty Officer 3rd Class Anthony Coleman before the game

For Lt. Keith Galloway, a 1996 Naval Academy graduate, the desire to win was especially strong.

"I never beat Army at the academy, so this is personal," said the former Midshipmen safety.

"It's always fun to get out and run around and play football and beat Army," said Galloway's teammate Alex Murray,

who is also an academy graduate Lt. Col. Rob Cairns, Army's lone playing U.S. Military Academy graduate, said that though the Army-Navy game tradition revolves around Cadets and Midshipmen this game is about all soldiers and sailors.

"We've got officers and NCOs here," he said. "It's sort of built around the academy game, but this is an [all-ranks] Army team and [all-ranks] Navy team."

But stripped of history, pride and tradition, the game is still about one thing: "The reason we're here is to win," Cairns said early in the first half.



PHOTOS BY JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripe

Army cheerleaders, clad in "Go Army, Beat Navy" shirts, couldn't help the Army team during its 27-12 loss to Navy in flag football at Naval Support Activity Naples Carney Park recreation area Saturday.

Navy took an early 6-0 lead but Army tied the game just before the half.

"I'm disappointed," said Navy fan Antonio Hall at the beginning of the second half. "The score should be 28-6 ... they've had three interceptions in the red zone. Hall's 8-month-old daughter, Aja, slept on his chest

"She's for Navy," Hall said. "They let her down in the first half, so she had to lie

Within minutes Navy jumped to a 14-6 lead on a touchdown and a safety. Despite the Navy lead, Army cheerleader Staff Sgt. LaTorcha Grant wasn't discouraged.

"I think we're going to come back and win," she said.

Grant and the other cheerleaders were



Army's Ronnie Glynn prepares to catch a pass during the Naples, Italy, Army-Navy flag football game Saturday while Navy defender Andres Armeda (12) jumps to block the ball.

clad in black shirts lettered with "Go Army on the front and "Beat Navy" on the back.

But the cheerleaders and large Army crowd wasn't enough. Army gave up two more scores, eventually losing 27-12.

"I'm disappointed," said quarterback Sgt. John Hood. "We didn't play to our po-

But Hood said he was impressed with part of Army contingent's performance.

'Of course the spirit of our corps was of importance to our Army family," he said '[Even with] 145 Army [personnel in Naples] compared to 6,000 Navy, we had more fans and support."

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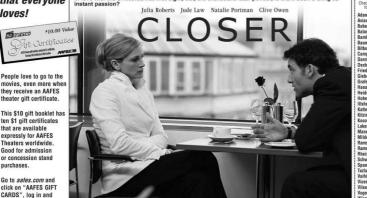
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THEATERS

# Rumsfeld to stay at the Pentagon

BY TERENCE HUNT The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's future has been in doubt amid spreading violence and U.S. deaths in Iraq.

Whether he would remain in his job was one of the last big question marks about President Bush's second-term Cabinet.

The issue was decided this week in an Oval Office meeting where Bush asked Rumsfeld to remain and the secretary accepted, a senior administration official said Friday.

Rumsfeld's tenure has been marked by unanticipated postwar violence in Iraq and more than 1,250 U.S. deaths, as well as enormous increases in spending on the military after the 9-11 attacks.

Describing Bush's decision, the administration official said the president believed Rumsfeld was "the right person at this moment in our history in fighting the war on terror to lead our armed forc-"

The secretary's future had been the subject of much speculation, after revelations about abuses at Abu Ghraib and other U.S.-run prisons in Iraq. Though Bush steadfastly backed his dense chief — one of the more hawkish members of his administration — the acerbic 72-year-old has many detractors in Congress and the military.

It had been widely believed at the Pentagon that Rumsfeld wanted to stay on, at least for a time, in order to oversee the continuing transition in Iraq and shepherd his plan for a fundamental transformation and modernization of the U.S. military.



onald Rumsfeld

Rumsfeld is the oldest person to serve as secretary of defense.

He also was the youngest, having served during the Ford administration in the mid-1970s. He has a longtime government relationship with Vice President Dick Cheney, dating back to the Ford years.

Rumsfeld took intense criticism from members of Congress last spring when the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal became public. He told the Senate Armed Services Committee that he would quit if he thought that would help but not simply to satisfy the administration's political enemies.

Rumsfeld said he would take the blame for the scandal. After the completion and publication of several in-depth investigations, the pressure for him to resign abated during the summer.

In recent interviews Rumsfeld had refused to talk about his future, except to say that he remained committed to transforming the military to make it more capable of fighting wars of the 21st century.

## Santa brings smiles to seniors



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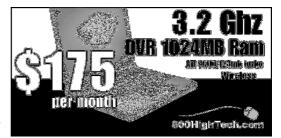
Doris Peachy, left, and Pam Fritz receive gifts from Santa, played by Master Sgt. Deborah Francavilla, 727th Air Mollifty Squadron, at the 23rd annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Luncheon, sponsored by the 170 p3 organization at RAF Mildenhall, England The luncheon, held Wednesday at the Galaxy Club, was attended by more than 100 local seniors and 40 volunteers from the organization made up of the top three ranks of enlisted members. The 3½-hour event featured a traditional Christmas dinner, bingo, Christmas carols and Santa Claus.

## Final goodbye to Bosnia



IVANA AVRAMOVIC/U.S. Arm

The last American SFOR troops leave Eagle Base on Thursday. The U.S.-led Task Force Eagle was official by deactivated Nov. 22, with the last American SFOR troops leaving Eagle Base on Thursday. U.S. peacekeepers served in Bosnia-Herzegovina for nine years. The remainder of U.S. troops in Bosnia continue to serve as part of NATO's Enduring Mission.





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Army Sgt. Matt DeWitt, who was injured in Iraq, tries out a prosthetic at Walter Reed Army

Medical Center in Washington. Advances in medical technology and changes in military are allowing some of the

wounded to

GERALD MARTINEAU The Washington Post

'I'm going to take a spare leg with me to war'

Medical retirement no longer automatic for servicemembers disabled in combat

> BY ANNE HULL The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — After an anti-tank mine destroyed his foot and part of his leg in Iraq, Capt. David Rozelle, 31, considered his future. In another era, the commander of a cavalry troop would have been heralded for his bravery and likely issued a medical retirement.

threment.

But Rozelle experienced a different message while hospitalized at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. Nearly
every officer who visited his
room cheered on a comeback.
The Texas native spent the next
nine months swimming, weight
lifting, mountain biking and getting used to running with an artificial leg.

He passed the necessary physical fitness tests given by the Army medical board and was declared fit for duty. Next year, Rozelle is slated to deploy to Iraq as the commander of a 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment headquarters troop.

"I see so many young men that say, 'Hell, yeah, I want to continue to serve and fight,'" Rozelle said.

In a shift in military culture, the U.S. armed forces have recently announced new efforts to keep seriously wounded or disabled soldiers on active duty. Although there is no clear written policy, the senti-

ment is being echoed down from the White House.

"When we're talking about forced discharge, we're talking about another age and another" military, President Bush told wounded soldiers at Walter Reed last year. "This is a new age, and this is a new [military]. Today, if wounded service members want to remain in uniform and can do the job, the military tries to help them stay."

Military commanders cite advances in medical technology as the main reason for the shift. Better prosthetics such as Rozelle's \$7,000 leg are allowing some of the wounded to regain their fitness and continue to serve.

Others say the military's new attitude toward the disabled is simply mirroring society's. But one observer says the change is also practical. In

an era of constant deployment, the Pentagon needs a more flexible and diversified workforce, said Laura Miller, a military sociologist with the Rand

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terror," Miller said. "And part of it is adapting to futurre warfare. smaller expeditionary forces that can respond to a variety of missions, including peacekeeping and humanitarian. Why throw

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Capt. David Rozelle

an. Why throw away someone with years of training and expertise, only to re-train someone new?"

Although much of the nation's attention has focused on the more than 1,250 U.S. troops who have died in Iraq, more than 9,300 have been wounded, and the number climbs daily. Various service branches say they are trying to do a better job helping the wounded through the paperwork and medial board evaluations, but back-cal board evaluations, but back-

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Lt. Gen. Franklin Hagenbeck Army deputy chief of staff for personnel

logs remain.

In April, the Army formed the Disabled Soldier Support System, or DS3, a resource network available to soldiers who are 30 percent or more disabled—paralysis or the loss of a limb or an eye. The DS3 helps soldiers weigh their options regarding retirement or trying to stay on active duty. The Army estimates that almost 900 of those injured that almost 900 of the pro-

About 90 percent of severely injured soldiers decide after a year to take medical retirement, according to an Army estimate. Those who want to stay on active duty must prove that they can meet certain physical requirements; many may be deemed unfit to return to their original jobs.
Several officers who spoke recently at the annual meeting of the Association of the United States Army emphasized the the

more welcoming policy toward retaining disabled soldiers.
"Our view is that once a soldier, always a soldier, and the Army is looking for ways to keep a number of them on active duty

rather than medically retiring them," said Lt. Gen. Franklin Hagenbeck, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel. He has pledged to personally review the case of any military amputee who feels unfairly treated. The dictates from the top do

not always trickle down to the company or unit level. Spc. Garth Stewart lost his leg

Spc. Garth Stewart lost his leg in a land-mine explosion in Iraq. After receiving a prosthesis at Walter Reed, he set a goal of returning to his job as a mortar man with the 3rd Infantry Division. At Fort Benning, Stewart, 23, completed hand-to-hand combat school and unloaded dozens of 100-pound ammo boxes in field exercises.

But running long distances was difficult. His stump would swell and blister. He was reassigned to

work in the gymnasium.
"The Department of Defense
might say one thing, but there's
always going to be some brandspanking-new commander out
there, and the last thing he
wants is a liability," said Stewart, who took medical retirement last month and is applying
to college.

David Autry, spokesman for Disabled American Veterans, one of the nation's largest veterans service groups, said he wishes the government would focus more on making sure that transitioning service members and veterans receive quality health care and timely access to benefits.

But Autry applauds the Pentagon's new spirit.
"I suspect that there will be

"I suspect that there will be wonderful success stories and fairly miserable failures," he said. "You've got a soldier with a \$20,000 computerized leg. If he gets deployed back to Iraq, if it gets sand and crud in it, it gives out, who's gonna fix it?"

Rozelle will see for himself when he returns to Iraq in the spring.

"T'm going to take a spare leg with me to war," he said. "If I need one, I'll e-mail my prosthetist and say, 'Send me a leg.'"







# Iraq bombs kill at least 14

BY SAMEER N. YACOUB The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Suicide car bombs struck Iraqi police and Kurdish militiamen in Baghdad and northern Iraq on Saturday, killing at least 14 people, wounding 67, and again demonstrating the lethal reach of Iraq's burgeoning insurgency just weeks ahead of crucial elections set for Jan. 30.

of crucial elections set for Jan. 30. More than 40 Iraqis have been killed in the last two days alone.

Meanwhile, the insurgents' deadly campaign against American troops continued. Two U.S. soldiers were killed by roadside bombs in Baghdad and north of the capital Saturday, and the miliary announced two other Americans died in a suicide car bombing of their post near the Jordanian border the day before.

Saturday's car' bombs in Baghdad went off nearly simultaneously at about 9:30 a.m. by a police station across the street from a checkpoint leading to the heavily fortified Green Zone, which houses the offices of Iraq's interin government and several foreign missions

Bursts of automatic fire followed the thunderous detonation, which shook windows several hundred yards away in buildings on the opposite side of the Tigris

Health officials said the bodies of seven people killed by the blast and 59 wounded were brought to two Baghdad hospitals.

Officials said most of the victims were police officers, but the identities of all the dead were not yet known.

Adel Hassan, a policeman who survived the attack with head injuries, said at a hospital crammed with victims that a "suicide car bomber sped into our place [the police station] ... and then there was an explosion."

The attack came a day after a highly coordinated assault on a police station west of Baghdad in which insurgents killed 16 police, looted the station's armory and freed dozens of prisoners.

"We are moving toward the elections while the insurgents, terrorists and the former Baath regime members will try to destroit the security and they will try to build an environment that the pople feel that there is no security," Iraqi Defense Ministry official Broska Noory Shausse said.

In the northern city of Mosul, a suicide bomber exploded his vehicle alongside a bus carrying pro-government Kurdish militiamen, killing at least seven and wounding eight, an official said. Along with Iraq's majority Shiites, Kurds back the upcoming elections, and the bombing may have been an attempt to drag them into a civil war.

The militiamen were being brought in from the mainly Kurds is city of Irbil to Mosul, where U.S. and Iraqi forces have been battling insurgents who staged an uprising last month, attacking police stations and government offices of the Kurds.

In fierce fighting in the city on Friday, gunmen tried to storm four police stations but were repelled, the U.S. military said. About 70 guerrillas also ambushed a U.S. patrol with roadside bombs, rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire. After regrouping, U.S. and Iraqi forces struck back on insurgent positions, killing more than two dozen fighters, the military said.

In an eastern district of Baghdad, a roadside bomb killed an American soldier and wounded five others Saturday, the military said. Another bomb near the town of Ghalabiyah. 6 miles west of the insurgent hotbed of Baqouba, north of Baghdad, hit a truck in a U.S. military convoy, killing a soldier and wounding another, Master Set. Robert Powell said.

A suicide car bomb hit an American forward operating base near Iraq's border with Jordan on Friday, killing two U.S. servicemembers, the U.S. command said Saturday. A Marine spokesman said the attack had been directed at members of the Ist Marine Expeditionary Force.



U.S. Army 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry soldiers raid a home after taking sniper fire in Mosul, Iraq, on Saturday.

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# Abizaid defends sending more troops to Iraq

BY ADNAN MALIK

The Associated Press MANAMA, Bahrain -United States will boost its forces in Iraq to a record number of 150.000 in coming weeks because inexperienced Iraqi troops cannot ensure security for next month's national elections, the commander of U.S. forces in Iraq said Saturday.

Gen. John Abizaid, head of U.S. Central Command, said "it had been our hope" that troop increases before the Jan 30 election would consist mostly of Iragis.

But "while the Iraqi troops are larger in number than they used to be, those forces have to be seasoned more, trained more. So, it's necessary to bring more American forces," he said.

The United States currently has about 138,000 troops in Iraq. On Wednesday, the Pentagon said the deployment would in-

crease to about 150,000 by mid-January - slightly more than during the 2003 invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein's re-

Most of that increase will come through extending until March the tours of duty of more than 10,000 soldiers and Marines originally scheduled to return home in January.

Abizaid said the U.S. military presence needed strengthening

"to ensure that there is enough security for the elections." In the first popular vote since Saddam's ouster, Iraqis will choose a 275-member assembly that will

write a permanent constitution. There have been calls to postpone the election because of daily insurgent attacks, but the United States and interim Iraqi government have insisted it proceed on

'We have to understand that

perfect, but it is important that elections happen," Abizaid said on the sidelines of a regional security conference in Bahrain.

Iraqi National Security Adviser

Qassim Dawoud, who also attended the conferwelence, comed the increase in American troons "Åny

delay in this election

means giv-ing an en-Abizaid courage ment and a gift to the terrorists, who are trying to stop the move-ment toward a new democratic Iraq," he said. "Iraqis are ready for the election, and we are taking

every measure to increase securi In September, President Bush In September, President Bush said Iraq's government commanded almost 100,000 trained and 
combat-ready Iraqis, including 
police, national guardsmen and 
army soldiers. He predicted then 
the total would rise to 125,000 by 
Dec. 31.

Abizaid said those forces were 
"constantly improving" but they

"constantly improving," but they needed more mechanized forces and more leaders.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, at least 1,265 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 988 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense De-partment said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is five higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday.

The British military has report-ed 74 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Esto-nia, Thailand and the Nether-lands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each. Since May 1, 2003, when Presi-

dent Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1.127 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 879 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

One U.S. soldier was killed

Friday in an explosion near Kirkuk.

One U.S. soldier died Friday in an explosion in northern Baghdad

The latest identification reported by the military:

Marine Cpl. Bryan S. Wilson, 22, Otterbein, Ind.; died Wednesday in a vehicle incident in Anbar province; assigned to 2nd Battal-ion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton,



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## IN THE WORLD

# **EU** supports Annan in face of U.S. criticism

BY EDITH M. LEDERER The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - The European Union threw its political weight behind beleaguered U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Friday but the United States again refused to back him and a ILS senator reiterated his call for the U.N. chief to resign.

Outside the United States. there is no clamor for Annan's resignation, and secre-



picking up support from many of the U.N. 191 member He states. has the imnortant backing of the four other

veto-wielding members on the U.N. Security Council - Russia, China, Britain and France.

In a show of support from the powerful European Union, the ambassador of the Netherlands, which currently holds the EU presidency, went to Annan's 38th floor office at U.N. headquarters Friday morning to express support to the secretary-general on behalf of the 25-nation bloc.

Earlier, U.S. Ambassador John Danforth, whose resignation as envoy to the United Nations was confirmed late Thursday, met with the secretary-general. Dan-forth said Annan's future wasn't discussed, but he refused several times to back him - virtually the same stance taken Thursday by President Bush.

Danforth was asked whether the United States had confidence in Annan in view of Washington's calls for a thorough, comprehensive and objective investigation of the allegations of corruption in the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq

It's important that those interested in the success of the investigation "go into this with an open mind - and that means neither prejudging it on the side of innocence or the side of guilt," said Danforth. The envoy will return to his home in St. Louis when Bush's first term ends in January.

Several U.S. newspapers have called for Annan to be replaced because of the oil-for-food allegations, but Sen. Norm Coleman's demand for the secretary-general to resign made headlines earlier this week.

The Minnesota Republican reiterated in a CNN interview on Friday that the U.N. chief executive presided over the "greatest fraud and theft" in the history of the United Nations

"You need credibility and you can't have that if the guy who is in charge is still in charge," said Coleman, who is leading one of five U.S. Congressional investigations into the oil-for-food accusa-

The program began in 1996 to

help Iraqis cope with U.N. sanctions imposed after Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

It allowed Saddam's government to sell unlimited quantities of oil provided most of the proceeds went to buy food, medicine and humanitarian goods and to

compensate victims of the 1991 revenue by subverting U.N. sanc-Gulf War

Two weeks ago, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations which Coleman chairs said it had uncovered evidence that Saddam's government raised more than \$21.3 billion in illegal

tions and the oil-for-food program.

The secretary-general has appointed former U.S. Federal Reserve chief Paul Volcker to head an independent inquiry into the program, handing over all U.N.

documents and ordering U.N. off

cials to cooperate.

The 54 African nations sent a letter or support to Annan Tuesday, and he got strong backing Wednesday at a meeting with 11 ambassadors including Argentina, Colombia, Mexico, Pakistan, South Korea and Turkey.



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## Actor almost was 'sleepless' in Bastogne, officials say

BY CONSTANT BRAND The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium - Belated news that Hollywood star Tom Hanks plans to attend remembrance ceremonies for the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge this month sent tourism officials scurrying to find him a place to stay since all hotel rooms were taken

Tourism officials said Friday that Hanks was planning to stay Dec. 15-19 in the southeast town of Bastogne, where commemoration services are to be held for one of the bloodiest battles of World War II

Officials later said, however, they have yet to receive final confirmation from Hanks whether he would ioin a 25-member veterans group that made the lodging request on his behalf.

Some 80,000 American soldiers were killed, wounded or went missing during Hitler's last desperate stand to reverse the allied advance. German casualties numbetween 80,000 and 120,000

Many hotels had sold out



across the Ardennes region over a year ahead of the anniversary, officials said.

"All rooms have been booked since July," Emilie Louvignie from the Bastogne tourism office told Belgian



week we got a request for a room from American Tom actor we have

"Last

Hanks, but didn't any more rooms. We made an urgent call around town

to see if any one could put him up, and we found a place he could rent downtown.

The tourist office said phones have been ringing off the hook over the past few days with many townspeople offering to put up Hanks and his entourage

Tourist operators offered the Hanks group a house they could rent in the center of town

They wanted a spacious house with a lot of room, because he will be staying here for several days, Didier Joris owner of the house told VTM television.

The anniversary Ardennes offensive is expected to draw thousands, including some 80 American veterans and King Albert II of Belgium and Grand Duke Henri of neighboring Luxembourg.





# Serbs want U.N. to annul **Kosovo election results**

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — Serbia demanded Saturday that the U.N. administrator of Kosovo annul the election of the province's new prime minister, a former rebel leader whom the Serbs have accused of committing war crimes.

At a top-level meeting, Belgrade officials said the Kosovo parliament's election of ethnic Albanian Ramush Haradinaj was unacceptable and that it brought into question planned talks on the province's future as well as regional stability

"A man who carries a heavy burden of crimes committed in both war and peace was elected the head of (Kosovo) government," Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica said. "That could have a decisive influence on the situation in Kosovo and the whole region."

Kostunica said the Belgrade demand for removal of Haradinaj will be presented in letters to Kosovo U.N. administrator Soren Jessen-Petersen, the U.N. Security Council, the European Union and other relevant world institutions.

"The Serbian government is demanding that he (Jessen-Petersen) uses his authority to overturn

that provocative act," Kostunica said. Haradinaj was elected to the post of the prime minister on Friday by Kosovo's newly elected as-sembly. The United Nations and other Western officials hailed his election as democratic despite the war crimes investigation against him

Haradinaj's small party, Alliance for the Future of Kosovo, came in third in Oct. 23 national elections. It struck a coalition deal with the party with the most votes, the Democratic League of Kosovo led by Ibrahim Rugova, who becomes president

mitting war crimes against Serb civilians in western Kosovo, where he led rebel troops of the separatist ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army during a 1998-99 war.

Belgrade has repeatedly insisted that Haradinaj be indicted for war crimes by the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands. Serb authorities reportedly have provided evidence to the U.N. prosecu-

tors for such an indictment. The Hague tribunal investigators recently ques-

tioned Haradinaj, but no charges have been brought against The Serbian leaders said in

a joint statement that he faces a Belgrade arrest warrant and 108 charges filed against him here because of the alleged war crimes committed by his troops against Serb civilians, as well as other offenses

"What is the message that is being sent by his election?" the Serbian officials asked, "It cannot be justified by phrases about democracy or for-

mal procedures Kosovo officially remains part of Serbia-Montenegro, but Belgrade has had no authority over the province since 1999, when NATO bombing forced Serbia to pull out and relinquish control to the United Nations and NATO.

Years later, the final status of the province remains a contested issue with its ethnic Albanians demanding independence and the local Serbs and Belgrade insisting that it remain part of Serbia-Montenegro, or what used to be Yugoslavia.

## Ukraine's parliament fails to pass fraud protections for Dec. 26 runoff

BY ALEKSANDAR VASOVIC

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine - Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko suffered a setback in parliament Saturday when his foes blocked electoral amendments intended to avert fraud in a new presidential runoff later this month. Buoyed by Friday's Supreme Court ruling to

throw out the original Nov. 21 runoff as fraudulent, Yushchenko had pushed for quick passage of the legal changes, saying they were essential to a fair ballot in his Dec. 26 rematch with Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych.

But the parliament, the Verkhovna Rada, instead

adjourned for 10 days without passing the opposition-initiated bills, which would have amended election laws and reshuffled the central election commis-

Communists, socialists and pro-government factions in Rada had promised to back those electoral changes in exchange for opposition support for constitutional changes that would transfer some of the president's powers to the parliament.

Yushchenko's supporters, who are resisting weakening the presidency, suggested that the parliament vote on the electoral amendments now and consider the constitutional reform only after the presidential

Opponents, however, cried foul, blocking the entire legislation before voting to adjourn until Dec. 14 12 days before the new runoff.
 Socialist leader Oleksandr Moroz, who supported

Yushchenko in the runoff in exchange for backing the constitutional amendments, accused Yushchenko of reneging on his promise.

"No one is going to win by reneging on the agreement," Moroz said The court ruling invalidated official results that

showed Yanukovych won the Nov. 21 runoff, which the opposition claimed was rigged. Western govern-ments also refused to recognize the results.



A Ukrainian man protests outside the parliament building in Kiev, Ukraine, on Saturday as lawmakers debated changes to electoral laws designed to prevent fraud in a rerun of the presidential election later this month.

# Mob war in Naples prompts crackdown

## Minister has vowed to respond 'blow for blow

BY ANGELA DOLAND

The Associated Press

NAPLES, Italy — Security forces toting submachine guns storm a crumbling housing project, running past shattered windows and graffiti-smeared walls. When they reach a suspected mobsters' barricade, a firefighter revs up a chain saw, sending up a cloud of orange sparks as he slices through the metal bars.

It's just another raid in Naples, Italy's most rough-and-tumble city. A mob turi war that has claimed more than 20 lives in the last month in the Naples area has terrified the city, prompting police to launch an emergency security clampdown.

Even in a city with a long history of organized crime, police say they have been shocked to see killings so brazen and so gruesome. The killers have left behind charred or bullet-ridden bodies. Uncharacteristically, they have opened fire in public places, including a pizzeria.

After six murders in 48 hours over a late November weekend, Interior Minister Giuseppe Pisanu dispatched 325 extra police to Naples, pledging to respond to violence "blow for blow."

During the Nov. 17 raid in the violence-scarred Scampia neighborhood, residents looked on as police rummaged through a patio and a car, and even dug up flower pots. Many just seemed resigned to

the latest disruption in their lives.

"This is life in Naples," said Anna Capuano, a mother of two.

Mobsters killing mobsters is nothing new in Naples. The city's fractious organized crime gangs — collectively known as the Camorra — can be traced back centuries and they periodically collide with savage ferocity. In the 1980s, a Camorra turf war

claimed 700 lives before calm returned.
So far, 87 people have been killed in
Camorra-related violence this year in the
Naples area, compared to 68 last year. But
officials say it isn't just the number of
deaths that has stoked fears. Gangs generally prefer to carry out score-settling in secluded areas, but some of the recent killings have been in plain view.

On Nov. 12, a man was gunned down in a popular pizzeria filled with diners. In another case, gunmen fired at a group of teens and young men who had been playing table football, killing a 25-year-old and injuring five others. Other shootings took place at a tobacconist's and an auto repair shop.

"There's a much greater impact on people's feeling of danger than if these were executions in a deserted area," said Maria



Italian police officers search a building in Naples' Scampia neighborhood during an anti-mob raid on Nov. 3. Naples, already a rough-and-tumble city, has gotten even rougher. In just three weeks, 17 suspected mob-related murders have left police and residents on edge.

Fortuna Incostante, the top security official in the region that includes Naples. Most of the people killed in the recent

wave of killings were likely involved with the mob, police say.

Investigators believe the newest wave of violence stems from a power struggle within the Di Lauro clan — one subgroup of the many-tentacled Camorra.

Because Camorra clans are less family-based than the Sicilian Mafia, they are more volatile and harder to trace. New groups regularly pop up, gain strength, then quickly fade out.

With fewer family ties, gangs need more young recruits to perpetuate themselves. Often people get wrapped up in crime

when they are still teenagers, frustrated by the lack of other prospects. Unemployment in Naples is 25 percent,

Unemployment in Naples is 25 percent, and much higher among the young and in neighborhoods like Scampia, where it hovers around 50 percent.

Then there's the centuries-old problem of "omerta," or secrecy. Many people are simply scared into silence.

That's why one woman from the Naples area was hailed as a hero recently for simply going to court to denounce the people she claims burned down her shop when she refused to cave in to extortion.

Fucito insists her gesture wasn't heroic: "My children and the children of all Neapolitans should be able to live in a normal city, and shouldn't be forced to leave."

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## IN THE STATES

# **President Bush** 'very pleased' with Musharraf

By JENNIFER LOVEN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush offered no criticism Saturday of Pakistan's role in the still-unsuccessful hunt al-Qaida leader Osama for Laden, even though Pakistan's army is pulling out of one area where the terrorist mastermind has believed to hide

After an Oval Office meeting with Pakistan's president, Gen Pervez Musharraf, Bush said. "His army has been incredibly active and very brave ... flushing out an enemy that had thought they had found safe haven.

Bush characterized Musharraf as "a determined leader to bring to justice not only people like Osama bin Laden, but to bring to justice those would inflict harm and pain on his own people. ... I am very pleased with his efforts."

Pakistan's army said last month it was withdrawing hundreds of troops from South Waziristan, a tense tribal region near Afghanistan. The decision to pull back came after several military operations in recent months.

The United States does not consider the withdrawal a downgrade in the hunt for bin Laden and other terrorist elements, said a senior administration official. who spoke on condition of ano

nymity. In briefing Bush on Paki-stan's military operations in the border areas, Musharraf said the army's focus merely has moved to the North Waziristan region. the official said.

Pakistani officials have said no signs of bin Laden have been found in the southern area. U.S. military forces remain largely on the Afghanistan side of the bor-

Bin Laden, the architect of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, has been on the run since U.S. forces topped Taliban rule in Afghanistan

and run from the United States

and our allies, he will be sorely

mistaken." And two days later,

when Bush was asked if he want-

ed bin Laden dead, the president

said, "I want justice. And there's

an old poster out west, that I re-

call, that said, 'Wanted, Dead or

Musharraf, who visited Bush to

congratulate him on winning a

second term, got what he most

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President Rush

would be a priority of my adminis-tration," Bush said. Afterward, Musharraf said Bush had told him that settling the Middle East conflict "is the

But a second senior administration official said Bush did not go

Among the U.S. officials who



ent Bush greets Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Mush during their meeting in the Oval Office on Saturday in Washington.

strong public commitment from Bush to take a more active role in

the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Musharraf has said repeatedly and did so again by Bush's side that resolving that dispute is essential to Muslims and to the global fight against terrorism. Set-

tling the Mideast conflict is "the most important issue in the interest of peace in the whole

world. Musharraf said. him this

core issue, the core at fighting ter-

participated in the meeting were Vice President Dick Cheney, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of State Colin Powell and Powell's replacement at the State Department, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice.

Also raised during the 45minute discussion was Pakistan's relationship with neighboring India, the world's largest democ-

The two countries are declared nuclear powers.

Neither Bush nor Musharraf publicly mentioned Washington's concerns over Musharraf's back tracking on a pledge to relinquish his military post. Bush also did not directly raise the matter with Musharraf privately, the second official said

The general, who seized power in a bloodless coup in 1999, had pledged in December 2003 to relinquish his army position as part of a commitment to civilian rule His government pushed through a law this year, however, to allow him to keep the separate role. That has caused some quiet unease that Pakistan was not progressing toward democracy as had been hoped.

## Thompson worried about U.S. food stock

## Sec. is eighth to leave Cabinet

BY TERENCE HUNT The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush expressed no alarm Saturday about a warning from his outgoing top health official that the U.S. food supply is vulnerable to terror attacks but would not deny the assessment and assert that the nation's food is safe.

Bush was questioned after an Oval Office meeting with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf about comments by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thomp-

son garding viilthe nerability U.S. food supply. Thomp-Friday as nounced

ing departure from the Bush administra-

tion. "We're a large country with all kinds of avenues where somebody can inflict harm," Bush said. "We're doing every-

thing we can to protect the American people. There's a lot of work to be done Thompson had said he wor-

ries "every single night" about a possible terror attack on the food supply, and despite dramatic increases in inspections of food imports, only "a very minute amount" of food is tested at ports and airports.

"For the life of me, I cannot understand why the terrorists have not attacked our food supply because it is so easy to do. Thompson said. "We are importing a lot of food from the Middle East, and it would be easy to tamper with that."

Thompson was the latest of eight members to quit Bush's 15-member Cabinet as the president moves into a second

Besides the eight members whose departures have been announced, Treasury Secre-tary John Snow has not received a public endorsement of continued service, even though White House officials have described him as a valuable member of the presi-dent's economic team.

Snow, who has been in the job less than two years, declined in an appearance Fri-day on CNBC to reveal whether he has submitted or offered to submit his resignation

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# Bush win in Ohio slimmer due to provisional ballots

The Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — President Bush's victory over Sen. John Kerry in Ohio was closer than the unofficial election night totals showed, but the change is not enough to trigger an automatic recount, according to county-by-county results provided to The Associated Press on Fridav.

Bush's margin of victory in the state that put him over the top in his re-election bid will be 119,000 votes — smaller than the unofficial margin of 136,000, the county election board figures showed. That means Kerry drew closer by 17,000 votes.

The margin shrank primarily because of the addition of provisional ballots that were not counted on Election Day and were not included in the unofficial tally. Overseas ballots also were added to the count in all 88 counties.

And a quarter of Kerry's gain was the result of an electronic voting system glitch that gave Bush 3,893 extra votes in a suburban Columbus precinct. The extra votes had been included in the unofficial count, but aren't part of the official tally. Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell will certify the results Monday.

The president's margin of victory was about 2 percent, not close enough to require an automatic recount. That happens only when the difference is 0.25 percent or less.

Bush beat Kerry nationally by 3 percentage

drug kingpin

flown to U.S.

to be charged

BY CATHERINE WILSON

The Associated Press

MIAMI - Colombian drug kingpin Gilberto Rod-

riguez Orejuela was flown to the United States early

Saturday aboard a U.S. government plane, becom

ing the most powerful Colombian trafficker ever ex-

Rodriguez Orejuela faces trial in federal courts in Miami and New York for plots to smuggle cocaine

tradited to face U.S. justice

and launder money

Columbian

points. Out of 156,9// provisional ballots checked, 121,598 were pronounced valid and were accepted, meaning about one in five was thrown out, according to an AP tabulation. Provisional voters are cast when poll workers cannot immediately confirm if a voter was properly registered.

How many projectly registered.

How many provisional ballots were cast for Bush and how many were cast for Kerry were not known, because most county election boards did not break down the votes that way. Most boards combined provisional ballots with overseas ballots and those cast on Election Day, then counted the entire batch to reach their final tallies

The Kerry campaign and two third-party candidates are secking a recount in 0hio. The Green and Libertarian parties said they have raised enough money to cover the cost. The Kerry campaign said it is not disputing the outcome of the presidential race but wants to make sure any recount is "done accurately and completely."

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A Delaware County judge last week sided with elections officials who argued that a recount was a waste of time and money, but a federal judge overturned the decision Friday. However, U.S. District Judge Edmund Sargus

However, U.S. District Judge Edmund Sargus ruled against the third party candidates' request for the recount to begin immediately. A recount probably won't occur until after Ohio's electors meet Dec. 13.

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The narrowing of Bush's margin only increases the possibility that the election results could be changed, the Green Party said.



COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE/AP

Police officers escort Colombian drug kingpin Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, right, out of La Picota prison in Bogota, Colombia, on Friday. He was en route to the United States to face charges in federal court.

He arrived before dawn and was sent to a downtown jail, across the street from a courthouse where he was scheduled to make his initial appearance Monday, said a Drug Enforcement Administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity. Wearing handcuffs and a bulletproof vest, the

leader of the once-feared Cali cartel was escorted Friday night to the plane at a military airfield on the edge of the Colombian capital of Bogota. Colombian soldiers and police brandishing rifles guarded a convoy that sped the kingpin from La Pi-

cota prison to the airfield.

Top American and Colombian authorities hailed

the extradition.

"Every day judicial cooperation between our two
countries is becoming more effective and more visi-

countries is becoming more effective and more visible," said Col. Oscar Naranjo, chief of Colombia's Judicial Police.

"This means that the criminals will not find any sanctuary to evade justice."

U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said: "Those who violate federal drug laws should never believe that drug trafficking from outside our borders puts them beyond the reach of justice. ... Rodriguez Orejuela will now stand trial for his actions."

Nicknamed "The Chess Player" for his shrewd-

ness, Rodriguez Orejuela and his brother, Miguel, founded and headed the notorious Cali cartel. In the 1990s, the cartel controlled 80 percent of the world's cocaine trade, earning \$8 billion in annual profits, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has said.

Michael J. Garcia, an assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, said Rodriguez Orejuela will be "arguably the highest-level drug trafficking figure to ever occupy a U.S. prison

The extradition of Rodriguez Orejuela caps a 13-year investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said Dean Boyd, a spokesman in Washington for the agency.

Colombia's Supreme Court has yet to rule on a U.S. extradition request for Miguel Rodriguez

Associated Press reporter Andrew Selsky contributed to this report from Bogota, Colombia.



Catherine Carter, front left, a supporter of Democrat Christine

Gregoire, rallies for another recount in the governor's race on Tuesday in Bellevue, Wash., against Republican Dino Rossi. Rossi took up the mantle of governor-elect, but an unprecedented third vote count could keep Rossi and Gregoire guessing until almost Christmas or beyond.

# Dems to pay for third vote count in Washington state

By DAVID AMMONS
The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Hoping to void the 42-vote margin held by Republican Dino Rossi, Washington Democrats will pay for a second recount in the state's unsettled governor's race.

The party also asked the state Supreme Court on Friday to rule that all ballots be treated the same from county to county. That would mean considering some previously uncounted ballots, particularly in Democratic-leaning King County, which includes Seat-

The party's nominee, three-term Attorney General Christine Gregoire, praised the decision to seek a statewide recount.

"We have a thoughtful system for counting every vote in Washington state, and over the next few weeks we will see it work; she said in a written statement. "It may take a few more weeks but it will be worth it for four years of legitimacy." Gregoire, 57, best known for

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her successful battle with the tobacco industry, trailed Rossi, 45, a former state senator, by just 42 votes after a machine recount was certified earlier this week. Rossi won the initial vote count by 261 ballots, a margin so close it triggered the mandatory machine recount.

Secretary of State Sam Reed is expected to order the new countins are expected to begin the laborious job Wednesday. Reed said the count should be completed by Dec. 23 unless there are legal challenges.

Rossi said he was outraged at the prospect of a third vote count and a legal battle.

"This really is sad and desperate," he said. "How much do they want to put the voters of Washington through? We were elected and certified twice. I have faith in voters; Christine Gregoire has faith in lawvers."

State Democratic Chairman Paul Berendt said the party gave the secretary of state's office a cashier's check for \$730,000 to order a recount of all 2.9 million.

# San Diego write-in dispute delays mayor's inauguration

BY BEN FOX

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A swearing-in ceremony for San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy was put on hold Friday until an appeals court can rule on a challenge to an election that was thrown into disarray by a write-in campaign.

The presiding judge of the appeals panel said the court would need several days to rule on whether the San Diego County Registrar of Voters can certify the disputed results of the

three-way race.
That means there won't be a decision in time for Monday's scheduled swearing-in ceremony for Murphy. Under San Diego's bylaws, he will stay on as mayor until the issue is settled, said Deputy City Attorney Jim Chapin.

Murphy finished with a 2,100-vote lead over the write-in candidacy of Councilwoman Donna Frye, a surf shop owner with wide appeal in a city beset by corruption allegations and a pension fund scandal.

Frye's vote total excludes ballots on which voters wrote her name but failed to darken the adjoining oval. The councilwoman estimates that up to 5,000 of her supporters neglected to fill in the bubble.

She has yet to decide whether to challenge a state judge's rullenge hat allowed the registrar to reject ballots with empty bubbles, said attorney Rory Wicks. Supervisor Ron Roberts came in third in the race, but lawyers for one of his supporters argue that the city charter forbids the type of write-in campaign mounted by Frye.

# Businesses, charities pitch in to keep cities lit for holidays

BY CONNIE MABIN The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Holiday cheer was scarce in the northeast Ohio city of Elyria a few weeks ago when it looked like budget woes would break a Christmas tradition

Every year for two decades, the city paid for hot chocolate, Christmas lights and Santa Claus at a 1925 mansion that drew 12,000 visitors each holiday season. A \$1 million shortfall earlier this month forced the mayor to cancel Christmas at the mansion and nix plans for other city holiday displays.

But two local charities donated \$35,000 to keep on the lights, an example of how cash-strapped cities across the country are scrounging to pay for holiday decor.

In Farmington, Ark., residents sell ornaments to raise money for the city's Christmas tree display. An Arlington, Texas, a councilwoman led an effort this year to raise nearly \$25,000 within the community to save the city's parade and tree-lighting ceremony.

Pittsburgh — for almost a decade — has paid for its popular downtown "Light Up Night" with the help of business donations, keeping the tradition going even last year when the city was so broke its mayor asked the state to bail it out.

Mary Ellen Solomon, spokeswoman for the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership that organizes the monthlong event, said the tradition would be in jeopardy without the support of businesses such as a local utility company and area department store. "We work very hard to make sure it continues, she said.

Without the extensive animated holiday figurines, lit-up skyscrapers and 65-foot tree in the middle of the city, "Christmas just wouldn't be the same."

In Cleveland, where a \$60 million-plus deficit led to layoffs of teachers, police and firefighters, donations by some 40 businesses were crucial to its amulad display, said Gary McMamus, a spokesman for the nonprofit Downtown Cleveland Partnership. The partnership has organized holiday sponsors for about five years.

The Cleveland Browns football team, General Electric and the visitor's bureau were among those that pitched in this year to help the city pay for the 1 million lights that twinkle in Public Square, where several trees and holiday displays will remain until January

"Everyone in the region expects that the downtown is going to have the major lighting display in the area," McManus said Tuesday. "But nobody ever stops to think how it happens."

Akron squeezed its Christmas parade and decorations into its tight budget, said spokesman Mark Williamson. But donations from area businesses and volunteers helped expand the celebration without adding costs. he said

Williamson said Mayor Don Plusquellic couldn't imagine the holidays without a city celebration.

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"Are we in a pinch? Sure. Every city is now," Will iamson said.



Christmas decorations light up Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati last week. Cash-strapped cities around the country are looking for creative ways to pay for holiday decorations.



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# Babe's bat sells for \$1.26 million

BY LARRY MCSHANE The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Going, going, gone. The massive 46-ounce Louisville Slugger used by Babe Ruth to drill the first home run in Yankee Stadium history was sold for \$1.26 million Thursday to an unidentified private collector.

The bat, 36 inches of solid ash billed as "The Holy Grail of sports memorablia," sold after about one minute of high-stakes bidding at Sotheby's auction house, fetching a Ruthian price above its presale estimate of \$1 million, said Sotheby's spokeswoman Lauren Gioia.

The bat was only the third piece of sports memorabilia to break the \$1 million mark at auction, joining Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball (\$3 million) and a 1909 Honus Wagner baseball card (\$1.265 million), the auction house said. It was the most

ever paid for a baseball bat.
The winning bid came from Doug Allen, president of the Chicago-based auction house MastroNet Inc., on behalf of an East Coast collector who preferred to re-

main anonymous. The hammer price was

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A Louisville Slugger used by

Babe Ruth sold for \$1.26 million at a Thursday auction at Sotheby's in New York. Ruth used the bat to hit the first home run in Yankee Stadium three innings into the first game in 1923.

Left: Ruth takes a practice swing before the 1932 home opener.

\$1.1 million, with a 15 percent commission added.
"It was a blur," Allen said after the gavel fell on a final sales

price of \$1,265,000.
Ruth lugged the historic lumber with him to the plate on April 18, 1923, the first game inside "The House That Ruth Built."
With 74,000 fans looking on, Ruth christened the new

18, 1923, the first game inside "The House I hat Rutin Built."
With 74,000 fans looking on, Ruth christened the new
ballpark with a third-inning blast into the right
field bleachers as his New York Yankees
beat the Boston Red Sox, 4-1.

The bat didn't get out much after Ruth's blast. He do-

after Ruth's blast. He nated it to the Los Angeles

Herald as the top prize in a high school home run hitting con-

The barrel still bears Ruth's inscription:

"To the Boy Home Run King of Los Angeles, 'Babe' A

The auction also included several items connected to the Brooklyn Dodgers, which moved to los Angeles in 1957. The Los Angeles Dodgers, owned since February by Boston real estate developer Frank McCourt, bought the items as part of a plan to mark the 50th anniversary of the Dodgers' 1955 triumph over their bitter Bronx rivals, the Yankeses—their only title while in New York City.

## More Americans put off marriage, study shows

BY GENARO C. ARMAS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It used to be common for men and women to get a marriage certificate not too long after collecting their high school diploma. Not anymore.

Census Bureau figures for 2003 show one-third of men and nearly one-quarter of women between the ages of 30 and 34 have never been married, nearly four times the rates in 1970.

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It's further evidence young people are focusing on education and careers before settling down and beginning families, ex-

perts say. Societal taboos about couples living together before marriage also have eased, said Linda Waite, a University of Chicago

sociologist.
Jeni Landers, a 30-year-old
law student from Boston, said
she considers living together a
requirement before saying "I

"I don't know how people got married before living together first," said Landers, who moved in with her fiance after getting engaged nearly a year ago

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Data from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey released this week show the
age at which someone typically
marries for the first time rose
from 20.8 for women and 23.2
for men in 1970 to 25.3 and 27.1,
respectively last year.

In Internation 223 and 273, respectively, last year.

In 1970, only 6 percent of women 30 to 34 had never been married; the figure was 23 percent in 2003. The rate for never-married men in the same age group rose from 9 percent to 33 percent.

Among younger women, some 36 percent of those 20 to 24 had never been married in 1970; last year it was 75 percent. Among men in that age group, the change was nearly as dramatic: 55 percent in 1970 to 86 percent last year.

"The majority of people still want to get married, but they see it sort of as dessert now, something that's desirable rather than necessary," said Dorion Solot, executive director of the Albany, N.Y.-based Alternatives

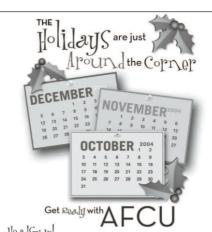
to Marriage Project.
Meanwhile, societal pressures
to marry before having children
have decreased, said Thomas
Coleman, executive director for
the Glendale, Calif-based Unmarried America, which also
promotes equality for unmarried people. Among the group's
concerns are tax policies with
it contends are stacked against
single repoile.

In 2003, nearly 35 percent of all births were to unmarried women, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

"[Compared with 1970], there is a sense that marriage has a less dominant role in our society and is less influential as a social institution," said David Blankenhom, president of the Institute for American Values.

Having parents or family members who are divorced may also make some people in their 20s and 30s hesitant about entering into a long-term relationship, said Dennis Lowe, a Pepperdin University psychology professor who focuses on counseling for engaged and married couples.

National Center for Health Statistics data show the U.S. divorce rate was 2.2 per 1,000 Americans in 1960; it rose steadily to 5.3 per 1,000 in 1981 but has declined slowly since then to 4 per 1,000 in 2001.



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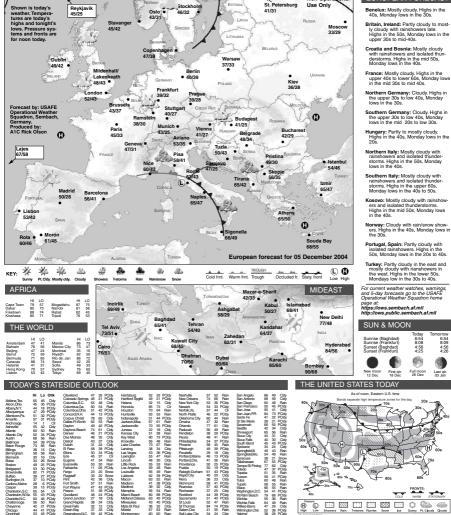
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#### Medics proud to serve

As commander of the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group at Balad Air Base, Iraq, I want to thank Stars and Stripes for the positive coverage given to our medical group in the article "A battle to save Fallujah wounded" (Nov. 26).

We medics at the 332nd are happy to be part of a large medical team composed of Army, Navy and Air Force medics scattered across Iraq, all of whom pro-vide expert care to U.S. forces, coalition partners and Iraqi civilians and self-defense forces. Our work here is simply representative of the great care available throughout the country.

In addition to the staff members mentioned in the article, my organization contains Australian army and navy medics and several registered nurses and licensed practical nurses from the Army We are truly a joint/combined staff and are proud of each and every one of them.

Air Force Col. Greg Wickern Balad Air Base, Iraa

### Leaders don't need a CIB

As an infantry fire team leader, I am appalled at the amount of whining that the infantry has done over the Combat In fantryman Radge

I am a firm believer in tradition, and I believe that the CIB should be kept with in the ranks of the combat infantrymen. I have been blessed with the honor of leading a team of the finest examples of infantrymen the Army has in its arsenal. have led them onto the battlefield as well as carried them off. I held my head high when I pinned them with the CIBs that they courageously earned with bloodshed, sweat and tears.

I will continue to hold my head high when I tell you that I didn't receive a CIB due to the fact that I am not 11B "qualified." I am the forward observer for the platoon that I am "attached" to. The cooks on my forward operating base have seen more combat than many of the infantrymen in theater being given a

Simply nut. I think we need to reconsider who is given a CIB. Stop making a













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mockery of the Army's most prestigious badge. I think it's strange that an exception to policy was made when a 13F was needed to lead 11Bs into combat, but cannot be awarded the CIB.

When we get back, I will continue to uphold the fine traditions of the artillery as I train your infantrymen. Follow me! King of Battle.

Sgt. T.J. Fox Forward Operating Base Independence,

Baghdad

## Sigonella housing too distant

If you are thinking about taking orders to Naval Air Station Sigonella in Sicily, here are some things you may want to consider

There is a mandatory housing policy in effect. You will not have the option to live out in the Italian community. One of the two housing complexes, Mineo, is 30 miles away from your child's school, the Navy Exchange and the hospital. Which of the two housing complexes you will live in only depends on chance, and you only get one offer.

There are no exceptions being made to this rule. So for example, if your spouse happens to be a physician, he/she will be living a 45 minutes' drive away from the hospital and will work approximately

100-plus hours more a month than any of his colleagues who "happen" to live in the other housing complex, Maranai. Still, both housing complexes receive the same amount of gas coupons and cost of living allowance even though the residents of Mineo drive more miles and have more wear and tear on their vehi-

All of your child's sports activities will be 30 miles away also. So if you want to experience quality of life and want to have a choice where your family will live, you may want to consider a different overseas duty station.

Jen Temple Sigonella, Sicily

## Payback time at gas pump

This is in response to the letter "Pump and pay, then shop," (Nov. 12). I agree 120 percent. It's a disgrace that the Army and Air Force Exchange Service would allow any customer, regardless of rank or spouse's rank, to pump gas, leave their vehicle and go inside the Shoppette to shop while other customers are waiting to pump gas. It's inconsiderate to others — and to hear that the AAFES manager doesn't care, taking the side of the rude customer, is also a disgrace.

But Pulaski Barracks gas station isn't the only place I've seen it. I've experienced the same at the Wiesbaden gas station and Shoppette. And I have a response that I will consider the next time it happens — I hope I have time on my hands to pull it off. I would ask other customers to help me block the offending driver's vehicle by parking one vehicle in front and one behind it so it cannot be moved. Then we could go inside, shop and maybe even have a cup of coffee or cappuccino. I'd even pay for the coffee or cappuccino.

The rude customer or the manager shouldn't mind waiting while we finish then pay for everything at once, because we're also customers.

But should we have to go as low as these inconsiderate people who only care about themselves? Instead, let's hear from the service station managers and get an amen from them.

Jim Crook Hanau, Germany







## **OPINION**

# What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates

#### More awareness needed Chicago Tribune

of all the questions that patients ask their doctors, there's one that offen is overlooked. How much sleep have you had? That's a question every patient, particularly those awaiting surgery or other invasive procedure, should be asking after the dramatic reduces the state of the performance of sleep-deprived interns—first-year doctors-in-training who provide much direct medical care in teaching hospitals. They found that the longer the interns went without sleep, the more errors they

Medical mistakes kill. A 1999 Institute of Medicine report suggested medical errors led to the deaths of an estimated 44,000 to 98,000 hospitalized U.S. patients every year. That study didn't delve into the issue of

That study didn't delve into the issue of sleep deprivation and medical errors. These new studies help fill in some blanks, even though they focused only on the newest doctors. It would be valuable to study the effects of sleep deprivation on doctors who are well past their residency years, or even past their first year of residency. There are many reasons for medical mistakes; not getting enough sleep shouldn't be one of them.

#### Ohio: Love it or leave it alone The Ironton (Ohio) Tribune

OK. Here we are nearly a month after the U.S. presidential race was over and we're still fighting battles in Ohio — mostly caused by outsiders who feel it's their mission to "fix" all of our problems. In the weeks since Ohio captured the national attention as being the ultimate "swing" state in the 2004 election, the blows to our state's credibility just keep coming.

Sen. John Kerry conceded President Bush's victory. He gave up the fight when he realized the numbers were not likely to fall his way. His concession didn't come with a disclaimer. I concede unless someone in a week or two can prove to me that in fact I did not win. Not even Kerry is that much of a flip-flopper.

If the election count was good enough to satisfy Kerry, then it's good enough for us. All of you outside instigators, please go home and come back to Ohio when you're more interested in counting historical sites or football scores instead of alleged voting errors that seem insignificant to us.

#### Canada's support not in doubt The Florida Times Union, Jacksonville

Way too much hand-wringing is occurring over [last week's] visit to Canada by President Bush.

After a member of the Canadian Liberal Party was seen on a Canadian comedy show grinding her boot heel into the face of a Bush doll, the worrywarts started in about how divided Canada and the United States have become. It has become another "values" debate....

The bottom line is that Canada has been a friend to the United States through thick and thin, through two world wars and even in the war on terror, sending troops at least as far so. Afterwisting before believe to these

as Afghanistan before balking at Iraq...
For many reasons, from abortion policies
to the war in Iraq, Bush may not be a favorite among the general population north of
the 49th parallel, but let's be clear on this.
Canadians want the same things Americans
want, which is a prosperous, independent
country free to determine its own policies
and nolities.

The way to keep their friendship is to



honor Canadian sovereignty, just as we demand that ours is honored, and to avoid hand-wringing and histrionics when Canadians (respectfully) voice their disagree-

#### The right kind of CIA changes Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle

New CIA director Porter Goss is doing as he should: He's shaking to its roots an organization whose prestige has plummeted, whose failures in part opened a path for the 9/11 terrorists.

Goss understands, an uncommon thing in Washington's bureaucratic jungle, that it isn't enough for a new CIA boss or Cabinet secretary to bring in a new management team and leave the rest of the sea of middle managers alone. That ensures only superficial change. If improvement truly is the goal, then a boss committed to that end should reach into every corner of the enterprise.

Goss' shakeup has unnerved the entire CIA community. No. 2 man John McLaughlin is out. The agency's deputy director for operations is stepping down, as is his deputy. Further down the ladder, the heads of the European and Far East divisions reportedly are on the way out. Goss' dig-deep methods seem defensible

from a management standpoint. But his motives must be similarly sound.

If he's uprooting the ranks simply to get rid of those deemed insufficiently loyal to President Bush, then he's toying with the underlying integrity of the agency. ... Goss says he's engineering needed change in an agency whose performance has been substandard. It's about better intelligence, not

#### Vets need healthy increase The Walla Walla (Wash.) Union-Bulletin

No matter how you look at the news about the budget for veterans' health care in 2005, you can't be encouraged about our nation's commitment to taking care of those who have protected us.

While it is true that the budget calls for a record \$30.3 billion, an increase of \$1.9 billion from this year, it falls considerably short of the \$3.1 billion increase the House Veterans Affairs Committee said in Febru ary was needed just to maintain the current level of benefits and services. ...

The number of veterans needing health care services is increasing as veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the first Gulf War grow older, and more veterans are being injured daily in Afghanistan and Iraq. Does the government really expect veter-

ans to forego treatment because it didn't budget adequately? ... Congress' lack of courage to fund veter-

congress' lack of courage to fund veterans' health care at the necessary levels cannot be allowed to hurt those who have stood in harm's way for the rest of us.

### NBA brawl out of bounds Journal Star, Peoria, III.

If there is one inviolable rule in sports, it's that players can't attack the people buying the tickets up in the stands. That's why National Baskethull Association Commissioner David Sterm's suspensions of several players involved in one of the worst brawis in professional sports history are warranted. Criminal charges may yet be, though that's not as clear-cut. The fight retuped near the end far again elss thom between the Indiana Pacapine last most between the Indiana Pacapine Sterm's committed a hard food against Pistors player Ben Walleace and Wallace showed him violently in response. ...
Fights have long been a part of the heat of

rights have long been a part of the heat of competition. But if athletes declared war on each other in the past — and we don't condone that, either — doing so on fans is a relatively new phenomenon. The same can be said about fans who attack players.

There must be boundaries, in sports and life, if we are to keep living, playing and watching together....

There are quite a few things more important than winning or losing on the athletic field, and more of this nation's leaders need to stand up and say so, while modeling the kind of conduct to which all of us should asnive

## 'Presenteeism' is the U.S. way Chicago Tribune

Playing in pain or sickness is the American way. Who didn't admire the World Series performance of Red Sox ace Curt Schilling, who pitched with a dislocated tendon behind his right ankle? ... Or remember the magnificent performance of a virus-weakened Michael Jordan against the Utah Jazz in Game 5 of the 1997 NBA finals? ...

So how can it be that Americans are now being counseled to stay home from work if they're sick' Yes, it's hard to believe. But lamentably, a recent Frbune article delivered the bad news: Studies suggest that productive moments known as "presenteerism" — far outstrip the costs of absenteeism. In other words, the experts suggest that we stay home when we're sick so we don't spread he liness and torpedo company productivit he liness and torpedo company productivity.

But, voices splutter across the country, that's not the American way. That sounds more like a cushy European job, with its six guaranteed weeks of paid vacation and probably more than generous sick-leave plans. ...

Anyone can come to work healthy. The real loyalists are those who refuse to take a sick day. Those "experts" who suggest otherwise need to wise up.

## Rather's on-air legacy mixed The Herald, Rock Hill, S.C.

Many will say CBS anchorman Dan Rather decided to call it quits because of fallout from the story about George W. Bush's stint in the National Guard. But his real nemesis may have been irrelevance.

The day when the nation could look to three anchors on three networks for their dose of evening news are long gone. And in an environment where the influence of the remaining network anchors is dwindling, Rather has fallen to a distant third place in the ratings race.... Rather will be remembered not only for

the botched National Guard story but also for some other old incidents in his long career. For example, there was his reply at a press conference to a query from President Nixon about whether he was running for something: "No, sir, Mr. President," said Rather, "are you?" He also vacated his anchor chair during a

live broadcast to protest delaying the news for a tennis match, leaving dead air for almost six minutes.... And. of course, there was Rather, himself.

rattling off the homespun homilies and aphorisms that sometimes were hard to decipher and, at other times, simply goofy.

But Rather also should be remembered for being the hard news reporter he claimed to be, as someone who got the story right a lot more times than he got it wrong, and as a reporter who, throughout his career, was willing to travel to dangerous spots to get the news.

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#### River of butter

MN NEW ULM bad firefi Too firefighters didn't have a pile of popcorn handy - or better yet, loads of lobster tails.

An intense fire consumed half of the roof of the Associated Milk Producers Inc. butter packaging plant, sending melted butter flowing out of the facility.
There were no im-

mediate reports of injuries, but officials worried that the melted butter would interfere with the railroad tracks bordering the plant's east end.

The plant was holding an esti-mated 3 million pounds of butter at the time of the fire Wednesday.

## Doughnut-jacking

PA HARRISBURG — Police followed a trail of doughnuts to find a stolen Krispy Kreme delivery truck.

"It has a happy ending," Swatara Township Sgt. Robert Simmonds said. "The evidence was brought back to the police station, and the

cops are eating the doughnuts."
It was 12:45 a.m. Thursday when Krispy Kreme delivery man Tim Trostle stopped at a Swatara Township convenience store and left the engine running as he made the delivery. Someone fled with the truck, but since Trostle had left the back doors open, police were able to follow a trail of doughnuts.

The doughnut trail ended before long, but police in a nearby township found a doughnut cart near the Harrisburg city line. City po-lice found the truck near a downtown bar.

No arrests were immediately made. The truck was returned to the company.

Although Simmonds had been joking about police taking the contents of the truck, he acknowledged seeing Krispy Kreme doughnuts in a station conference room Thursday

#### Penny payoff

UT SALT LAKE CITY — Grant Petersen tried to give officials his two cents - in the form of 8,200 cents.

Petersen withdrew \$82 worth of nennies from his bank and delivered them in a bucket to pay an \$82 fine he got for driving with a burnt-out headlight.

Court officials are apparently unamused, and have asked Petersen to offer a more "acceptable" form of payment. They say state policy allows clerks to reject unusual forms of payment, and it's going to waste county resources for someone to count all that change.

#### Stroke of luck

MIAMI — A nurse's aide who quit her job to take a cruise hit the jackpot.

Carol Baird won a \$321.694 slot machine jackpot aboard a Carnival Cruise Lines ship off the U.S. Virgin Islands early Wednesday.

Baird, 59, quit her job after realizing she had booked her cruise in violation of her company's policy prohibiting personal vacation time seven days before or after a holi

day. Baird said she was playing the ship's MegaCash machine, featuring a fleet-wide progressive jackpot, with her husband gaming next to her. Initially she didn't realize she had struck the bonanza

## **AMERICAN** ROUNDUP

## **Faulty Christmas tree**

CHICAGO — Gov. Rod Blagojevich turned on the humor after the lights on the city's giant holiday tree failed to turn on Blagojevich made light of the situation Wednesday, explaining to about 100 people gathered why nothing happened after a 10-second countdown and the flip of a switch by Blagojevich, his wife

Patti and their daughter Annie. "These are difficult budget times. We're cutting everywhere, including Christmas lights," including Chris Blagojevich joked.

The lights came on after a couple of minutes, and after the ceremony, Blagojevich jokingly as-sumed it was a state worker's fault.

### Credit-card collector

CA PISMO BEACH — He's a plastic millionaire.

Walter Cavanagh — also known as "Mr. Plastic Fantastic" — has a wallet nearly as long as a football

field to carry his credit cards. Cavanagh owns 1,497 valid credit cards (he assumes a card is valid until he hears otherwise) with a potential credit line of about \$1.7 mil-

The retired real estate broker, who lives in the small San Luis Obispo County community of Shell Beach, said his collecting began with a bet more than three decades ago. He and a friend were sitting in his apartment in 1969 and bet who could collect the most credit cards. The loser would buy dinner.



Feeling the music Jamie Breiwick, of Racine, III.. nlays trumnet in the Jamie Brei wick quintet as the group perfor at the lazz Ectate in Milwaukee

Cavanagh managed to obtain 143 cards in a year and got a rib-eye steak dinner.

He has become so good at collecting the cards that he has a place in the Guinness Book of World Records, which gave him his nickname. He also holds the title for the world's longest wallet -38-pound monster that is 250 feet long and can hold 800

## Defensive passenger

ND FARGO — A woman who objected to being frisked may be charged with assault for slapping an airport security guard's face with her boarding pass, police said.

The 48-year-old woman swatted the agent after being told she had to be patted down for repeatedly setting off metal detectors before her flight Wednesday, Lt. Tod Dahle said.

The woman was allowed to leave on another flight, but police plan to pursue a misdemeanor assault charge, Dahle said.

## Prayer apology

GA ATHENS — A high school principal apologized Monday for reading a poem called "The New School Prayer" over the school's intercom, which brought complaints from some parents who said it violated the principle of senaration of church and state

Tommy Craft said he wanted not to promote religion but to provoke thought and discussion among students about the changing political climate in school when he read the poem the Tuesday before the Thanksgiving break

The poem, which has circulated on the Internet since at least 1992, is written in the rhyming style of the children's prayer that begins "Now I lay me down to sleep." It refers to prayer not being allowed in school, although students can "dress like freaks, and pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks,'

#### Cigarette lawsuit

CA SACRAMENTO — The state settled its suit with Safeway Inc. over allegations the supermarket giant sold cigarettes to minors and failed to take adequate steps to prevent further sales at its stores.

The settlement requires Safew-ay to pay \$245,000 in penalties and legal costs, and to do a better job of preventing sales to minors at its 538 California Safeway, Vons, Pavilions and Pak N' Save stores, said Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

## NYPD settlement

NY NEW YORK — The city has been ordered in federal court to give about \$275,000 in back pay to a police officer and two firefighters who were fired for riding in blackface on a Labor Day parade float in 1998.

Judge John Sprizzo ruled the city must pay Officer Joseph Locurto \$80,000, firefighter Robert Steiner \$77,121, and firefighter Jonathan Walters \$117.804, court records showed.

Former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani blasted the display as a "disgusting display of racism" and publicly declared the three men would be

But last year, Sprizzo ruled that their First Amendment rights were violated when they were



Don't mess with these pooches pups Moby and Dudley are taken for a training walk by their owner, Janie Talalotu, in Kalipsell, Mont. Despite their intimidating appearance, the animals are known to be gentle.



Are you real? Esmael Vargus, 1, tweaks the nose of a person dressed as Santa Claus at the Holiday on the Brazos celebration in the Freeport (Texas) Municipal Park.



Batter up! Isaac Buechel, 4, or Durnington in Section 1882 Burling-bat while playing with his grandfather in West Burlington, Iowa



Artistic imaginations Artists Eva and Adele, a living art exhibit, pose for a photograph during an ter in Miami Beach, Fia. Adele said the purpose of their matching outfits, makeup and hair styles was to blur traditional zender houndaries.



Enjoying the snow June and Len Horwitz, from Kansas City, Mo., stroll along the Country Club Plaza through the heavy snowflakes that fell.



Christmas dance
Ice Dancer's perform to "Sleigh
Ride" at the Arkansas Best Corpo
ration Performing Arts Center at
the Fort Smith (Ark.) Convention
Center.



Nuns on ice Sisters of the Norwood, Ohio and Minnesota convents of the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Our Savior congregation try to ice skate at the Northern Kentucky Ice Center in Crescent Springs, Ky.

## 15-year-old case arrest

AZ PHOENIX — Fifteen years after three infants died in her care, a baby sitter faces murder charges.

Amy Lynn Scott, 36, is awaiting

extradition to Arizona from Georgia after a detective re-examined the evidence in the separate deaths in the Phoenix area over nine months in 1989.

Scott had gone to church with the parents of all three infants and lived in the same neighborhood.

The deaths of Zachary Mann, Shauna Cunnington and Jordan Whitmer were considered suspicious at the time but were ruled natural or unexplained because investigators didn't have a solid case against Scott. Investigators haven't found a mo-

tive for the killings, and Scott denies any wrongdoing. She was taken to a Georgia jail and had waived extradition, but it was unclear when she would arrive in Phoenix.

## Dog dies from bee stings

CA LAKEWOOD — A
4-year-old cocker spaniel
died a day after coming under attack by a swarm of bees nesting in
discarded backyard tires, authorities said.

Pinto was treated by a veterinarian after the attack and released but died at his home in this suburb 25 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles, apparently from the bee stings, said Capt. Aaron Reyes of the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority.

Pinto's owner was cutting brush in the yard when she disturbed the bee colony, according to Capt. Rick Tiberio of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

County Fire Department.

A bee expert who went to the scene estimated there were about 20 000 bees

The dog tried to hide under a woodpile and bags of recycled cans.

#### Marijuana bale found

ME AUBURN — Drug agents are investigating how a 20-pound bale of marijuana got mixed in with a truckload of watermelons that were delivered to the Good Shepherd Food Bank.

A volunteer came across the marijuana while picking through the watermelons.

After the bale was discovered, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency was called. An agent quizzed the man who found the bale but quickly determined he had nothing to do with the illegal shipment

More likely, a drug trafficker thousands of miles away in Mexico loaded the pot and either forgot about it or was forced to abandon the shipment, they said. The source of the pot isn't expected to be located.

#### Infant abuse rates high

AK ANCHORAGE — A state report says infants are physically abused in Alaska at disproportionately high rates.

tionately high rates.

Division of Public Health officials said studies from Pennsylvania Colorado and Scotland found

much lower rates than in Alaska.

According to the report presented at the Alaska Health Summit,

the study period of 1994 through 2000.

## Fraternity alcohol ban

NORMAN — Drinking will be banned at University of Oklahoma fraternities and residence halls under new policies announced, two months after a 19-year-old student died of alcohol poisoning.

University of Oklahoma President David Boren said the rules will go into effect Jan. 18 at the start of the new semester. Three violations will end in a student's suspension for one semester.

The university also will set up a hot line for students to report violations, and will expand alcohol education programs.

Drinking is already prohibited at sororities.

Boren will present the policies to the Board of Regents for approval. Regents have been involved in creating the plan and support it.

### Fatal hunting accident

VA STUARTS DRAFT — A Stuarts Draft man died and his uncle was arrested after what authorities described as an apparent hunting accident on family land. Chad Mays, 29, died at the scene

after he was shot in the chest by a high-powered rifle.

George F. Lowery, 50, of Stuarts Draft, was charged with reckless handling of a firearm and could face more charges, according to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, which handles all hunting accidents. The shooting occurred while

Mays and Lowery were hunting deer together on private land next to the George Washington National Forest. Game Warden Capt. Mike Clark

said the victim apparently was mistaken for a deer.

## Ship runs aground

MARINETTE — A
Greek-flagged freighter
with a cargo of pig iron from Brazil
ran aground in Lake Michigan's
Green Bay, Coast Guard officials
said.

The accident occurred about a half-mile east-northeast of the Menominee River in about 21 feet of water near the Michigan-Wisconsin border, Coast Guard Commander Mark Hamilton said.

No one was injured and there was no reported pollution. The vessel was not blocking the channel. Hamilton said that officials were

investigating whether there was damage to the Chios Pride, which was flying a Greek flag, and if it could be refloated. Coast Guard officials were inves-

tigating whether a mechanical problem or human error caused the ship to run aground.

#### Alcohol ban

MOSCOW — Alcohol will be forbidden at the University of Idaho's Delta Sigma Phi fraternity through the end of 2005, school officials said. The move follows the alcohol-related deaths of two members earlier this year. Jason Yearout, 20, died when the motorcycle he was driving hit a wall on fraternity property.

Passenger Jack Shannon, 19, was also killed.

14 infants died from abuse during Stories and photos from wire services

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11:00	Planet's Funniest Animals	1(1987, Comedy) Cher, Nicolas	Ebert-Movies	Smallville Wrisper	Big Story Weekena Edition	Sportscenter	All-American Festivals	Smallville Wrisper		
12:00	Nick News Special Edition	Cage. A Brooklyn bookkeeper falls for her fiance's brother.	Headline News	Movie ** "K-19: The Wid- owmaker" (2002) Harrison	CNN Presents	College Gameday	The Suze Orman Show	Movie ** "K-19: The Wid- owmaker" (2002) Harrison		
12:30 13:00	Happy Days Movie ++ "Gennetto" (2000)		Army Newswatch Sports	Ford. A Soviet submarine's nu-	Foy and Friends	College Football Teams to Be	Celebrity Poker Showdown	Ford. A Soviet submarine's nu-		
13:30	Movie ** "Geppetto" (2000, Musical) Drew Carey, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Brent Spiner.	(12:51) Movie *** "The Breakfast Club" (1985) Emilio Estevez, Molly Ringwald.	Ороль	clear reactor develops a leak.	T OX GIRD T TICHOO	Announced. (Taped)	ocicuity i onci onondomi	clear reactor develops a leak.		
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14:30	Movie ** "Angels in the In- field" (2000, Comedy) David	(:40) Movie *** "He Got Game" (1998, Drama) Denzel		Meet the Press	CBS News Sunday Morning	+	Battle Stations *P38 Lightning	Meet the Press		
15:30	Alan Gner, Brittney Irvin.	Washington, Ray Allen. A high- school baskethall star faces his					Strikes"			
16:00	Aaahh! Real Monsters Rocket Power	estranged father.	WWE Smackdown!	America's Black Forum Access Hollywood	Face the Nation	Sports Reporters SportsCenter	JAG "Killer Instinct"	America's Black Forum Access Hollywood		
17:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	True Hollywood Story	Stargate SG-1 O'Neill possess-	Access Honywood	Headline News	NFL Countdown	The Best Of	Access Hollywood		
17:30	Rugrats		es the power to save Earth.	ESPNews	Navy/Marine Corps News		Good Eats	ESPNews		
18:00 18:30	Kratts' Creatures (EI)		Fox NFL Sunday (Live)	Sports	Late Edition Primetime		My Wife and Kids King of the Hill	Sports		
19:00	America's Funniest Home	Movie *** * "American	NFL Football Regional Cover-			NFL Football Regional Cover-	Hope & Faith			
19:30	Videos Gilmore Girls "The Incredible	Beauty" (1999) Kevin Spacey. An unhappy husband rebels	age Ariz. at Detroit, Atlanta at Tampa Bay, Carolina at N.O.,		FOX News	age Ariz. at Detroit, Atlanta at Tampa Bay, Carolina at N.O.,	The King of Queens Last Comic Standing			
20:00	Sinking Lorelais"	against his stifling existence.	Minn. at Chicago or San Fran- cisco at St. Louis. (Live)		FUX News	Minn. at Chicago or San Fran- cisco at St. Louis. (Live)	Last Comic Standing			
21:00	American Dreams 'Beyond the	(:14) Movie ** "A Perfect	disco at St. Louis. (Live)	Sports	FOX News	CISCO AL SI. LOUIS. (LIVE)	NCIS "Eye Spy"	Sports		
21:30	Wire*	Murder" (1998) Michael Dou- glas. A man plots to have his	NFL Football: Regional Cover-		CNN Sunday	NFL Football: Regional Cover-	Friends			
22:00	Home Improvement	wife murdered by her lover.	age Packers at Eagles or Gi-		CNN Sunday	age Packers at Eagles or Gi-	Seinfeld			
23:00	Touched by an Angel "Great Expectations"	Movie *** "Darkman" (1990, Suspense) Liam Neeson.	ants at Redskins		Meet the Press	ants at Redskins	Mad TV	1		
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00:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	(11:00) Movie *** "Dark-	NFL Football: Packers at Ea-	Play With Me Sesame	Tim Russert	NFL Football: Packers at Ea-	Austin City Limits "Phish"	Play With Me Sesame		
00:30	Rugrats	man" (1990) Liam Neeson.	gles or Giants at Redskins	Bear in the Big Blue House		gles or Giants at Redskins		Bear in the Big Blue House		
1:00	Kratt Bros. Be the Creature "Expedition Lemur" Lemurs.	(12:47) Movie *** "Wake Island" (1942, Drama) Brian	College Basketball BB&T Classic Consolation Game	Little Bear Wheel of Fortune	People in the News	SportsCenter NFL Primetime (Live)	Hope & Faith The King of Queens	Little Bear Wheel of Fortune		
2:00	America's Funniest Home	Donlevy, Robert Preston.	Teams TBA. From Washington, D.C. (Live)	Dr. Phil	This Week		Last Comic Standing	Dr. Phil		
2:30	Videos	Coming Attractions	1		Dateline International	NFL Football Pittsburgh Steel- ers at Jacksonville Jacuars.		Onrah Winfrey		
3:00 3:30	Gilmore Girls "The Incredible Sinking Lorelais"	Movie *** * "American Beauty" (1999) Kevin Spacey.	College Basketball BB&T Classic Final Teams TBA.	Oprah Winfrey	Dateline International	From ALLTEL Stadium in Jack-	NCIS "Eye Spy"	Oprah Wintrey		
4:00	American Dreams 'Beyond the	An unhappy husband rebels against his stifling existence.	From Washington, D.C. (Live)	Headline News	CNN Sunday Night	sonville, Fla. (Live)	Friends	Headline News		
4:30 5:00	Wire* Sesame Street (EI)	(:14) Movie ** "A Perfect	Meet the Press	Judge Judy Access Hollywood	CNN Presents		Seinfeld Breathingspace Yoga	Judge Judy Access Hollywood		
5:30	1	Murder" (1998) Michael Dou-	meet the Fress	(:25) Guiding Light	Civil Presents	SportsCenter (Live)	Caribbean Workout	(:25) Guiding Light		
6:00	Barney & Friends (EI)	glas. A man plots to have his wife murdered by her lover.	Headline News	(:13) General Hospital	Larry King Live	1	Body Shaping	(:13) General Hospital		
6:30 7:00	Blue's Clues (EI) Dragon Tales (EI)	Gwyneth Paltrow Revealed	ESPNews Play With Me Sesame	Dateline NBC	Your World With Neil Cavuto	NFL Primetime	TIPical Mary Ellen The View	Aladdin		
7:30	Bob the Builder	Actress Gwyneth Paltrow.	Bear in the Big Blue House					ChalkZone		
8:00	The Wiggles "Foodman"  Dora the Explorer	Hollywood Backstories Entertainment Tonight	Little Bear Wheel of Fortune	Mucha Lucha Marv-Kate and Ashlev	Hannity & Colmes	SportsCenter	Emeril Live	Mucha Lucha Kim Possible "All the News"		
8:30 9:00	Stanley	Movie ★★% "Flowers for Al-	Dr. Phil	Jeopardy!	The Beltway Boys	SportsCenter	30-Minute Meals	Jeopardy!		
9:30	Sagwa-Siamese Cat	gernon" (2000, Drama) Matthew Modine, Kelli Williams.		Headline News	Fox News Watch	Tennis Davis Cup Final Round	Paula's Home Cooking	Headline News		
10:00	Arthur (EI) Between the Lions (EI)	Ron Rifkin.	(9:46) Oprah Winfrey (:35) Guiding Light	ESPNews Advisory Block	Bulls and Bears Cavuto on Business	<ul> <li>United States vs. Spain. Singles matches. From Seville,</li> </ul>	Designers' Challenge Fashion Emergency	ESPNews AFN Evening News		
11:00	Sagwa-Siamese Cat	(10:48) Movie *** "True		60 Minutes	Fox and Friends	Spain. (Taped)	The Soup	60 Minutes		
11:30	Stanley	Grit" (1969) John Wayne, A one-eyed marshal and a Texas	(:17) General Hospital Headline News	1000 - 1 - T - 10 - F -	Dateline NBC		The King of Queens That '70s Show	Mod		
12:00	Dora the Explorer The Wiggles	Ranger aid a vengeful teen.	Headline News Judge Judy	Without a Trace "Prodigy"	Dateline NBC	SportsCenter	That '70s Show Girlfriends	Without a Trace "Prodigy"		
13:00	Bob the Builder	Movie ** * "The Mighty"	Today Billy Crystal; Countdown	24 "Day 3: 5:00AM - 6:00AM"	Fox and Friends	1	Charmed "A Witch's Tail"	24 "Day 3: 5:00AM - 6:00AM"		
13:30	Dragon Tales (EI) Blue's Clues Costume party.	(1998, Drama) Sharon Stone. Two young misfits imagine that	to Christmas.	Pacific Report	Foy and Friends	College Gameday Bowl Se-	Ally McBeal "Hope and Glory"	Pacific Report		
14:00	Barney & Friends (EI)	they are legendary knights.		The Tonight Show	I OA GING FIREIUS	lection	Party microeal roupe and Glory	The Tonight Show		
15:00	Funniest Home Videos	(2:55) Movie *** "Mansfield Park" (1999 Drama) Embeth	Aladdin "Never Say Nefir"	-	American Morning	College Gameday	Any Day Now "Don't Forget to Take Out Your Teeth"			
15:30 16:00	Full House Pokémon	Davidtz. A plucky heroine falls in	ChalkZone Mucha Lucha	Late Show	CNN Live Today	2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup	ER "Chaos Theory"	Late Show		
16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! "Mime Control"	love with a gentle cousin.	Kim Possible "All the News"	Access Hollywood	1	Awards Special		Access Hollywood		
17:00	Aaahh! Real Monsters Rocket Power	Access Hollywood	Jeopardy! Headline News	Headline News The Late Late Show	1	SportsCenter	Law & Order "Damaged Goods"	Headline News The Late Late Show		
17:30 18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Entertainment Tonight	Headline News ESPNews	THE Late Late Show	FOX News	1	The Simpsons	THE Late Late Show		
18:30	Rugrats		AFN Evening News	Dennis Miller		College Football Teams to Be	Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller		
19:00 19:30	Lizzie McGuire Taina	Movie *x "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2000) Ashton Kutcher.	60 Minutes	Countdown With Keith Olber-	Dateline NBC	Announced. (Taped)	For Love or Money	Countdown With Keith Olber-		
20:00	Smallville "Nicodemus"	Seann William Scott.	Without a Trace "Prodigy"	mann	FOX News	1	Law & Order A teen dies after	mann		
20:30	L	(:38) Movie *** "Michael	1	Entertainment Studios.com	1		being struck by a vehicle.	Entertainment Studios.com		
21:00 21:30	Boy Meets World Boy Meets World	Collins" (1996, Drama) Liam Neeson, Aidan Quinn, Stephen	24 "Day 3: 5:00AM - 6:00AM"	NFL Monday Quarterback Headline News	Studio B With Shepard Smith		American Hot Rod "Alumnatub 1"	NFL Monday Quarterback Headline News		
22:00	The Cosby Show	Rea. An Irish rebel steps up the fight to break British rule.	Headline News	Today Billy Crystal; Countdown	Your World With Neil Cavuto	NFL Primetime	Friends	Today Billy Crystal; Countdown		
22:30	Home Improvement Touched by an Angel "Nothing	1 -	The Tonight Show	to Christmas.	Lester Holt Live	Assured the User	Seinfeld "The Susie" Seinfeld "The Junk Mail"	to Christmas.		
23:00	Touched by an Angel "Nothing but Net"		Late Show		Lester HOIL LIVE	Around the Horn Pardon the Interruption	Seinfeld "The Junk Mail"	1		
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# Walter Scott's Personality

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Qls it true that Howard Hughes, the reclusive billionaire, was once a famous Hollywood playboy? — Cliff Lesher, Wheeling, W.Va.

AYes, and Martin Scorsese's biopic about Hughes — "The Aviator," which opens Dec. 17 and stars Leonardo Di-Caprio — chronicles the mogul's affairs with such glamorous beauties as Ava Gardner and Katharine Hepburn. (A diamond and sapphire brooch he gave Kate recently fetched \$120,000 at auction.) Hughes also launched Jean Harlow's career but apparently never bedded her.



If actress Roma Downey is dating the king of reality TV, does that make her the queen?

man, Arlington, Texas

QI heard that "Touched by an Angel" star Roma Downey divorced director David Anspaugh while he was hospitalized for depression. Has she remarried? - Sandi Tobin, Charleston, S.C. ANo, but the twice-mar-ried Downey, 41, is

now entangled with Mark Burnett, 44, king of reality TV ("Survivor," "The Apprentice"). Maybe the two will come un with a reality show titled "Who Goes to Heaven?" Speaking of reality. business about Anspaugh being hospitalized was just a rumor.



Natalie Portman tried to help Zach Braff get a clue in "Garden State" by referring him to a song by The Shins.

Five years ago, Gene Wilder was diagnosed with Prive years ago, Gene wilder was Grand Prive years ago, Gene wilder was Grand Prive Year Annual Prive

He says he's healthy and feeling fine. A unique comic tal-ent, Wilder, 71, is best known for "The Producers" (1968) and "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971). Two years after losing his third wife, Gilda Radner, to ovarian cancer in 1989, he wed Karen Webb, 62, a speech therapist. Wilder earned a 2003 Emmy for his star turn on "Will & Grace" and recently provided a voice for the animated feature "Over the Hedge," due out next year.

Can you tell me if Ving is Ving Rhames' real name? - Eileen D., Nashville, Tenn.

His first name is Irving. Ving is a nickname given to him A His first name is Irving, ving is a meaning good by actor Stanley Tucci when they were college roommates. Incidentally, Rhames, 45, will play the title role in a "Kojak" movie next month on the USA Network and has signed on for a "Kojak" series.

What can you tell me about the beautiful necklace that Susan Sarandon wore in "Shall We Dance?" — Linda Dominguez,

Petaluma Calif. Alt's a oneantique niece made by the film's costume designer. Sonhie de Rakoff. from two Victorian watch chains linked together. Unfortunately, the necklace was stolen

from the set

in Winnipeg

during the shoot and

had to be

by a jeweler

later scenes

some

replicated



Susan Sarandon: Good at preaching peace bad at keeping track of valuables.

What do you make of the rumors that Britney Spears may retire at 22? — Debra J., Anthem, Ariz. Retire from what? Her career in pop music, or her per-

Asonal antics?



In the film "Garden State," Natalie Portman tells Zach On the film "Garden State, Natarie i Guille. What is that Braff that a certain song will change his life. What is that ng? — Marie Bell, Camden, N.J.

"New Slang" by The Shins, a band based in Portland, A Ore. Leader James Mercer's lyrics ("I'm looking in on the good life I might be doomed never to find") fit Zach's character — an immature guy searching for his place in the world. The film's certified-gold soundtrack also features Coldplay. Frou Frou and Simon & Garfunkel.

Qitem about golf Vijay champ Singh. How does his record this year stack up to Tiger Woods'? Kevin D., St. Louis, Mo.

ANo contest. At this writing, Singh has wins in 2004 and is a shoo-in for the PGA Tour Player of the Year Award. By com-parison, Woods has had one win in 19 starts. With more than \$10 million, Singh has surpassed Woods'

in 2000



earnings record These days, PGA golf champ Vijay Singh for one year, set leads, and Tiger Woods follows.

In terms of sheer power, how would you compare Vladimir Putin with past Russian leaders? — Henry R., Los Angeles

Once hailed as a force for democracy, Putin, 52, will A once hailed as a force for definition, stand, and soon have total control of the executive, legislative and provincial branches of government. He's jailed some opoonents and muzzled the free press. All this makes him Russia's most powerful leader since Stalin.

Britney Spears says she might retire — threat, or promise?

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# Be specific when filling out a living will

BY LAURA MECKLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Patients checking into hospitals and clients meeting with their lawvers often are advised to take a simple step toward planning for the future: fill out a living will

But the reality is, too often, they don't re ally work.

The concept is straightforward: Outline your wishes while you're healthy to guide doctors and family members who might have to make life-or-death decisions for you later on. Would you want to linger in a vegetative state if it were unlikely you'd ever wake up? Or would you rather be allowed to die? But end-of-life medical questions often involve much more complicated medical and moral questions. Many living wills are so vague as to be useless

"We've tried to take very complicated difficult, painful, wrenching decisions and make them a simple yes or no. These are never easy decisions and they're never black-and-white," said Sean Morrison, a geriatrician at Mount Sinai Medical School

A will might direct that no "extraordinary measures" be used if someone's condition is hopeless. But what is an extraordinary measure? And what is honeless? If there's a 10 percent chance a treatment will extend someone's life by six months, is that good enough? Should an end-stage Alzheimer's patient, whose life is greatly di-

## Ways to make your wishes known

■ Talk to your doctor about your wishes and values concerning end-of-life care. What would make life not worth living for you? Ask your doctor to note your views on your chart.

■ Give a family member or trusted friend the legal authority to make medical decisions for you if you are unable. Talk to that person about your values and

■ Consider a living will. If you do, be as specific as possible. You might include information about whether you want life-sustaining treatment; types of treatment you would or would not want and under what conditions; preferences about artificial nutrition and hydration; what if any pain control medication you want and under what circumstances; and

whether you want to be an organ donor.

minished but still has moments of joy, be given antibiotics to treat an infection that otherwise might bring a quicker end

There are other problems. People change their minds after they write their living wills but don't update them. Many living wills never make it to the bedside, left in a file cabinet or safety deposit box And family and doctors often do a poor job of deciphering the patient's wishes even when they have the wills in hand.

will that addresses some of the basic questions such as the popular "Five Wish-"document produced by the nonprofit Aging with Dignity. (Available for \$5

■ Update your living will if you are diagnosed with a serious or terminal dis-ease to address the medical situations most common to people with your condition. Talk with your doctor bout what to expect.

Talk to family members about your

general wishes to minimize disputes if de-cisions must be made for you.

■ Keep your living will in an accessi ble, easy-to-find spot. Tell your family where to find the document. Give copies to your doctor, family members likely to be involved in decision-making, hospitals that might treat you and your lawyer.

— The Associated Press

"Most people believe that a living will can be written that is effective and that genuinely conveys real information that can be used in making decisions, and that is not true," said Carl Schneider, an expert in medical law at the University of Michigan

Since 1990, hospitals have been required in most states to offer all patients the chance to fill out a living will. But despite the law and despite several high-profile end-of-life legal disputes, most people still don't have living wills

"Enough. The living will has failed, and it is time to say so," Schneider and col-league Angela Fagerlin wrote in a bioethics journal, the Hastings Center Report.

A better end-of-life option, experts say, is to give a trusted loved one the legal authority to make decisions if you become incapacitated. Two large studies found more than 70 percent of people would prefer that doctors rely on family rather than living wills in making decisions about their

This has its own problems - the designated decision-maker may not understand what the patient's wishes are, and picking one person to make decisions could cause tension inside a family.

The stereotypical conflict, doctors and nurses say, comes when the adult child arrives from out of town feeling guilty he hasn't spent more time with his parent and resists steps to end the parent's life, even as a brother or sister who lives nearby says this is what the parent wanted.

Still, experts say designating someone to make decisions allows for more flexibility than living wills.

Another choice that holds less legal weight but perhaps more influence: thoughtful conversations in advance with your regular doctors.

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## Planning ahead for home maintenance will benefit budget

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"The Savvy Sailor's Spouse." new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband Jake's new command.

fter the regular business for our family readiness group meeting was concluded, Evelyn looked for our guest speaker, Lt. Dan Dowse. He was sitting patiently in the back.

Evelyn said, "Mem bers of the Family Readiness Group. I want to introduce tonight's speaker on home mainte-nance. Navy Lt. Dan Dowse, commander of the Seabee Construction Battalion Unit 405. Dowse is a friend of my family's. We grew up around the corner from each other, and I'm proud to have him

"Thank you, Evelyn," Dowse said in an enthusi astic voice, as he walked to the front of the room.

"We are part of the 13th Naval Construction Regiment, which consists of more than 2.700 active duty and 5.700 Reserve officers

assigned to the Pacific Fleet Seabees. Our construction tasks in the Pacific range from renovating living quarters, ports and air-fields to constructing major operational training and support facilities. But tonight, I am just going to talk about basic home mainte nance at the request of my old neighbor Evelyn.

"The average homeowner should budget maybe \$5,000 a year for their home's operational expenses, including repairs, utilities and household goods depend-ing on their type of home and location. Why is it important

we budget for repairs?' "Because things break," a petty officer re things

Dowse re-"Close plied. "We budget for repairs so we're prepared when things break.

"Isn't it hard to know when things are going to stop working?" the petty officer asked "It's easier than you think," Dowse replied. "Just make a list of each

maintenance item in your home and determine the item's life span and future re-

placement cost." Dowse handed out a stack of pa-

"I know my dishwasher is 7

## Home maintenance schedule

AREA	ITEM	In	Span	Out	Cost	Vendor/Inflation Factor	1.00	1.04	1.08	1.12	1.17
BASEMENT	Clothes washer	1990	14	2004	\$ 400	ApplianceRUS 356-9087		\$416			
BASEMENT	Clothes dryer	1985	20	2005	\$ 550	ApplianceRUS 356-9087			\$595		
EXTERIOR	Roof	1986	20	2006	\$ 2,600	Roofer 356-2345				\$2,925	
EXTERIOR	Front storm door	1994	40	2034	\$ 200	Home Depot 365-6547					
HEAT/AC	Air conditioner	1988	15	2003	\$ 1,500	Joe Smith, Inc 356-2365	\$1,500				
HEAT/AC	Furnace	1984	30	2014	\$ 1,500	Joe Smith, Inc 356-2365					
INTERIOR	Attic fan	1994	20	2014	\$ 150	Home Depot 365-6547					
INTERIOR	Bathroom	1994	30	2024	\$ 550	Contractor 356-7865					
INTERIOR	Basement rug	2000	12	2012	\$ 700	Carpet-Matic 356-0987					
KITCHEN	Dishwasher	1995	12	2007	\$ 275	ApplianceRUS 356-9087					\$322
KITCHEN	Refrigerator	1995	20	2015	\$ 800	ApplianceRUS 356-9087					
KITCHEN	Gas stove/oven	1995	20	2015	\$ 500	ApplianceRUS 356-9087					
PLUMBING	Hot water heater	1993	12	2005	\$ 500	Joe Smith, Inc 356-2365			\$541		
TOTAL FUTI	IRE YEARLY COST	s					\$1.500	8416	\$1.136	\$2.925	\$322

Source: Ralph Nelson Stars and Stripes

years old and the average dishwasher lasts 12 years. If it costs \$275 to replace my dishwasher this year, it will cost about \$322 in five years at 4 percent inflation. You also can add a column and write the name of a reliable vendor next to each item. I do this to help my wife. I want her to know who to call if the dishwasher dies when I'm away repairing airfields. I was listening earlier when Mrs. Lopez said she's in the process of helping to find reliable vendors in the area for the command families, and I think that's

Dowse continued, "If you do the home maintenance plan right. it'll include anything in your home that may need to be serviced or replaced over the next five to 10 years. "Are there any questions be-

an excellent idea."

fore I continue?" "Having the names of vendors is great, but what about emergen-cies?" Peggy Lopez asked.

"You need to become familiar with some shut-offs for your utilities of your home in case of emergencies, like the:

■ Main water shut-off valve. ■ Main gas or oil shut-off ■ Master electrical circuit

breaker. "So if a pipe is leaking, turn off your home's water with the main water shut-off valve and then call the nlumber This will prevent

damage from occurring

"Similarly, it's a good idea to know where all the shut-off valves are in your house. Do yourself and your family a favor and review each of your appliances and sinks — whether you are a renter or a homeowner - for any shut-off valves. Knowing this may allow you to prevent a catas-

trophe.' There were many nods from the audience.

Dowse continued, "The last thing I want to talk about is keys.

There is nothing worse than being locked out of your house.
One thing I recommend to all of my sailors, and to you, is to keep a spare home key in your wallet or purse. Also, try to make a trusting relationship with your neighbor so they can hold a spare key and watch out for your home when you are not there. But, for safety's sake, never write the location of the lock on any of the keys you

"That's it. Happy home maintenance.

Copies of Ralph Nelson's books — "The Savvy Sailor" and "The Savvy Naval Officer" — can be purchased by writing to: Master Plan Inc., 500 N. Washington St., P.O. Box 10071, Rockville, MD 20849 St. P.O. Box 10071, Rockville, MD 20849 or online at www.sawy.onweb.com. This article is written and the book is sold with the understanding that neither the author nor Stars and Stripes you need advice, please seek profession al assistance. The author specifically you need advice, please seek profession al assistance. The author specifically disclaims any liability, loss or risk — personal or otherwise — incurred as a consequence, directly or indirectly, of using or applying any of the information of the professional for the book.

## YOUR MONEY

# **Books teach money ABCs**

Q: My parents divorced when I was young. Basically this means that I was not educated in how to run my life successfully. My older siblings were taught some of what they needed to know, but by the time I was 6 my home life was a mess

I didn't know until I was almost 19 that I was sup posed to file tax returns. I received my first credit card at 18, which is when the trouble real Money Talk ly started. I have tried to fix my debt problems, but because it is not engrained in me

to manage money, I continue to suffer from self-inflicted bad credit. The worst part is that I just got married and I know my new husband could suffer from my mistakes. Can you offer any advice for helping us get on track?

A: You did get a rough start in life, but you're an adult now: The buck stops with you. Parental guidance might have helped you avoid some money mistakes, but many people mess up despite sound financial educations, and others teach themselves what they need to know without assistance from their parents.

It might help you to understand clearly why money management is so important. It's not just "good for you," like cod liver oil. Money is a tool that allows you to get what you want out of life.

If you don't pay attention to your money, cash will slip through your fingers like sand. You'll wind up paying for stuff you don't really want — "toys" that break, purchases that are quickly forgotten, interest payments to lenders — instead of getting what you do want. Desires are entirely individual, but they might include travel, a nice home, a cool car, college

educations for your children, a comfortable retirement

Maybe to start your first goal can be freedom from the anxiety, guilt and the confusion you're feel-

Fortunately, you'll find plenty of great resources to educate yourself. The Internet abounds with Web

sites devoted to smart money management. including Bankrate.com, the Dollar Stretcher at www.stretcher .com, Yahoo Finance and MSN Money. (I write twice-weekly columns for MSN )

You'll also find plenty of terrific books to help you at your local library. A good primer: Eric Tyson's "Personal Finance for Dummies." which covers just about everything you need to know about managing money in a down-to-earth, readable way.

You also might take a look at Jean Chatz-ky's new book "Pay It Down: From Debt to Wealth on \$10 a Day" for practical solutions for targeting credit card debt.

Finally, there's David Bach's "The Automatic Millionaire: A Powerful One-Step Plan to Live and Finish Rich '

None of what you need to learn is rocket science. The principles involved in sound money management are pretty basic and easily learned by anyone who's willing to invest a few hours. Just get started and pretty soon you'll find yourself mastering the skills that now seem so mysterious. Good luck

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nne Hanchett talks about her experience when her late hu living will was ignored by a doctor trying to resuscitate him in Pitts burgh. Patients checking into hospitals and clients meeting with their lawyers often are advised to take a simple step toward planning for the future: fill out a living will. But the reality is, often they don't work.

## Wills: Plans advised, but often don't work

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"I sit with patients and ask them. not what treatments are important to you, but what defines quality of life," Morrison said. What would be a fate worse than death for you? What makes life worth living?"

The questions have become more acute as medical advances have given doctors unprecedented ways to prolong life. At the same time, a series of high-profile legal disputes over whether to end medical treatment have prompted more people to consid-er putting their wishes explicitly into writing.

But doctors don't always follow a patient's instructions even when they are clear. Sometimes the document doesn't accompany the patient. Or the doctor fears litigation or simply disagrees with a patient's wishes.

Jeanne and James Hanchett thought they were prepared. Both physicians, they had filled out living wills saying they did not want had given the other legal power to make medical decisions.

While watching his beloved Pittsburgh Steelers play at Three Rivers Stadium. James Hanchett's head fell onto his wife's shoulder.

At the emergency room, she told the doctor to stop resuscita-tion attempts. He refused, saying, "'If it were my mother or wife, I would want this to continue,'" Jeanne Hanchett recalled.

She said the doctor dismissed her when she told him that her husband had a living will and that she had power of attorney. It was 29 hours before she suc-

ceeded in persuading doctors to remove the equipment.
"I'm a bit angry, mostly frus-

trated," she said, a year later

Naomi Naierman, president of the American Hospice Founda-tion, acknowledged there can be problems with living wills and other end-of-life plans. But doing working is for worse about di nothing is far worse, she said.

"You're only leaving a mess be-hind if you don't have directives for when you cannot speak on your own behalf," said Naierman, whose organization promotes liv-ng wills. "It's a terrible burden to ing wills. leave with the family.

# ents and Sensibility

## Negotiating hotel rates

BY NANCY DUNNAN

A half-empty hotel or motel parking lot is a good thing. It means the establishment has empty moms.

So negotiate the price - not only for your room but also for

parking your car overnight. If the check-in nerson waffles ask to speak with the manager.

Financial adviser, economist and security analyst Nancy Dunnan is the author of "How to Invest \$50 to \$5,000." She writes a weekly column for theonlineinvestor.com

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## **Sunday Horoscope**

As Sagittarian energy rules the sky, a forceful optimism steers us. We don't have to believe in the power of positive thinking to experi-

ence its results. Instead of seeing the correlation between our thoughts and the outcome, we may chalk it up to good luck when happy events occur. It doesn't matter who gets

doesn't matter who gets the credit, as long as credit is given.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(December 5). Thrilling advances in your personal life make this year lively and fabluously Make your mind up now about where to put your financial focus because the stars give you a serious push in the next five weeks. Investments in February secure your future. The obstacles in your love life are what make if such an opportunity to

ARIES (March 21-April 19).
Your family or friends may ask burdensome favors, such as cover ing for them when you know they are up to no good. Try not to get mixed into the lie. Be evasive. Commit to nothing. Buy time. You learn from others' mistaken.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). While people close to you wander aimlessly, you're getting a message from the cosmos about your special mission. So round up the troops, and start marching — you're a natural-born leader. Love tip: Hold out for a hero.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You know more than you think you do. It's quite fascinating to start a dialogue with your own subconscious mind. Dreams answer your questions and unravel your problems. Write them down as you remember them

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's an ambitious cycle you've entered, and you're building quite a reputation. There's no need to remind anyone what you've accomplished. Be mellow, laugh, and keep things low key. Potential sweethearts are

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Relationships seem complicated, but you can solve problems in 15 minutes of concentrated effort. Get clear about your expectations, and

realize the other person brought a few of his or her own expectations to the table, too.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The reason Bart Simpson is more popular than his sister Lisa is simple: No one likes a know-it-all. But

Bart's friends are losers, and Lisa's life is fulfilling and multifaceted. Your choices reflect which

Simpson you'd rather be. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be flirting with

23). You'll be firiting with life's high-end goods and may explore your love affair with fashion or satis fy your penchant for over-priced art. This makes more fiscally reasonable loved ones pesky and irritable but what the heot?

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Stick your neck out. When you express interest in a project, you just may wind up running things. It's one way into an elite circle. The tension between you and that cute someone is a sign of mutual attraction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just when you thought you'd seen it all, enter the weirdos and eccentric geniuses, and they want

seen it all, enter the weirdos and eccentric geniuses, and they want you as their own. Be open to adding friends to your life, and you will add employment opportunities without even realizing it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). When you speak about love, you speak with a deep, penetrating, forceful tone. It's because you've figured out things you're looking for that you weren't getting. Now, you're ready, and you know it's out there. Go get it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).
Your ideas about what "good" is are morphing into something more meaningful than the surface requirements you held yourself to before.
Good posture, nutrition and manners seem less important than good clean fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If perfection is boring, then practice makes snores. This is a fine time to wing it and see what happens. This is true for dates, chores, social gatherings and creative endeavors. Loosen up. and live a little.

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## Drifting onto word 'stranded'

The other day, I was "stranded" as a result of car trouble. While waiting for the tow truck, I passed the time in contemplation of the origin of "stranded." I didn't get very far with it; can you find the answer for me?

## - T. C., Albuquerque, N.M.

An old but still common word for the shore that you may have heard is "strand." It comes from the Old Norse word "strond," meaning "shore." In the early 17th century a verb emerged from this noun with the meaning "to run, drive, or cause to drift onto a strand," in other words, "to run aground."

It wasn't a long step for an extended sense to develop from this verb: "to leave in a strange or unfavorable place especially without funds or means to depart." This, of course, is the sense that you are familiar with.

We hope that your car troubles have passed and you are "stranded" no more.

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# Identity theft attempts are best ignored or reported

**Dear Abby:** You printed a letter from "Eugene in N.J." about a letter he received saying that he was "the sole beneficiary of a \$12 million estate." He said he responded by send-

to a 92 minute state. In the responded by sending them information on a bank account that he "no longer does business with, but had a \$2.83 balance remaining." That was the wrong move! Now the thieves and account number. It doesn't matter if the account was closed or open—thieves counterfeit checks using the

information be gave them. Scams such as "Eugene" described are a common way identity thieves gather information. Unfortunately, the actions he took in his anger and frustration have exposed him to identify theft. It is important to understand that e-mail scams are sent out to millions of people. If you answer — even to say stop writing — you will be put on a "sucker" list.

Some common scams people need to avoid:

■ No company is going to call or e-mail you to verify an account, ask for your Social Security number, or any bank or credit card numbers, PERIOD! This is called "phishing." Account verification scams look very real, but are ALL scams. Do not answer them no matter how convinced you are that it is a real company.

Dear Abby

You have NOT won a lottery in the Netherlands, or Canada, or anywhere else, if you didn't first buy a ticket here in the U.S.A.

Question any company that offers you a prize, but asks for a fee or your Social Security number, and verify the existence of that company through the Better Business Bureau and

ny through the Better Business Bureau, and confirm independently that the prize is real.

- A stranger did not die and leave you money.
- The Nigerian scam has now morphed into a creative writing exercise about all kinds of people needing your help to transfer money from one account to another. This practice is called money laundering, and it is illegal.
- You may also be telephone-scammed with similar offers. Be on the alert for suspicious callers, and never give out your Social Security number or a credit card number to anyone who calls you.

Thank you, Abby, for helping your readers to understand how thieves steal a person's identity.

— Linda Foley.

#### Co-Executive Director, Identity Theft Resource Center

Dear Linda: Thank you for sharing this valuable information with my readers and me. Readers, my experts tell me the only safe way to deal with a scam is to either hit he' delete' key, or forward it to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@ucc.gov and THEN delete it. As tempting as it may seem, do not engage any of the scammers in a dialogue.

The Identity Theft Resource Center is a nonprofit program, based in San Diego, that is grantand donation-funded. Its mission is to hely victims of identity theft and consumers. For further information on scams, including examples of common scams, visit the Web site at www.idtheft center.org.

Confidential to "Disgusted With Myself in Tucson, Ariz.": Don't be so hard on yourself. Even a clock that isn't working is right twice a day.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

# Light a candle for families grieving the death of a child

Dear Annie: When a child dies in your family, the world changes and you will never again be the same person. Life goes on, but priorities change, and remembering the child who has died is an im-

who has died is an important way of traveling through your grief journey to the other side. The holiday season is especially difficult as old traditions often give way to new, more meaningful traditions that help to remember the child, sibling or grand-

child who has died.
That is why The Compassionate Friends
created the Worldwide Candle
Lighting. The Compassionate
Friends is a self-help bereavement organization for families
that have experienced the death
of a child.

This year marks the eighth anniversary of the first Candle Lighting, and tens of thousands of families worldwide will participate from countries around the

The Worldwide Candle Lighting is held the second Sunday in December, this year on Dec. 12. At 7 p.m. local time, each person lights a candle that burns for one

hour. Candles are first lit just west of the International Date Line and an hour later in the next time zone, eventually creating a 24-hour wave of light to remember all children who have ..... died. no matter their

Annie's Mailbox



X age or country of origin.

I would ask your
readers to join The
Compassionate Friends
and allied service organizations by lighting a
candle at home with
friends and family, or
attending one of the
hundreds of planned
services throughout the
United States.

For more information on this touching tribute, visit The Compassionate Friends at www.compassionatefriends.org or call, toll-free, 1-877-969-0010. We also ask that your readers visit our Web site on Dec. 12 and place a memorial message in our online Remembrance Book.

— Patricia Loder, Executive Director, The Compassionate Friends,

Dear Patricia Loder: We appreciate the opportunity to ask our readers once again to participate in the Worldwide Candle Lighting in remembrance of all the children who have died. The loss of a child, no matter the age or circumstances, is one of life's harshest blows.

Please light a candle next Sunday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m., and remember every child who is no longer with us.

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for one year but don't see each other much because we're both in the Army Lately, she hasn't wanted to talk to me. She says she needs to "find herself." I care about her, but I'm not sure I want to be with someone who doesn't want to be with me. Any ideas?

Dear Arkansas: It's difficult to maintain a healthy marriage when you are separated for long periods of time, and even when the two of you have the opportunity to live together again, you will need time to rebuild your relationship. The Army offers counseling, and you and your wife should each make use of it.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Bivd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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## **RELIGION**

# Wishing you a Merry Chrismukkah

## Greeting card companies are now combining Christian, Jewish holiday themes for mixed families

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Every December, Zack and Hilary Rudman used to send out nonsectarian cards with winter scenes and generic holiday greetings.

Now, however, Zack Rudman, a Kansas City lawyer, has found a variety that seems to better suit a Jewish man and an Episco pal woman with two young children as familiar with the menorah as with a manger

proclaim: Chrismukkah!'

scene

"I'm all for holiday cards, but I want to make sure when we send something it respects both sides of our family," Rudman said. "I always like to deal with religious differences with humor. These were right

up my alley." Christmas and Hanukkah, two holidays that seem to share little more than a calendar page, are increasingly being melded on greeting cards aimed at the country's es-timated 2.5 million families with both Jewish and Christian members

"It's representative of the way people live and the way they spend the holidays, said Elise Okrend, an owner of Raleigh, N.C.-based MixedBlessing, a card compa-ny devoted to interfaith holiday greetings. "And it's an expression of people understanding the people around them.'

MixedBlessing was among the first to come out with holiday cards intended for ago and still may be the only company focusing entirely on that market segment.

In its first year, it sold about 3,000 cards. This year, Okrend projects sales of 200,000 cards off its 55-card line.

Kansas City-based Hallmark Cards Inc. says one of its most popular categories of Hanukkah cards combines Jewish and

> 44 I like to deal with religious differences with humor. These were right up my alley.77

Christian themes

"The essence of these cards is not about interfaith households as much as it is about friends and family members of different faiths acknowledging the different holidays that they all celebrate," said Shalanda Stanley, a Hallmark product manager.

American Greetings Corp. has about 10 Hanukkah-Christmas line offerings this "It's an interesting market," said Kathy

Krassner, editor of Greetings Inc., a trade magazine. "But it's a limited market."

The newest player is Chrismukkah. Ron Gompertz founded the company this year with his wife, inspired by an episode of the popular Fox series "The O.C." in which character Seth Cohen, whose mother is Protestant and whose father is Jewish, coins the term.

"It's a little bit of both," Gompertz explains.

As with anything addressing religion, though, card makers are careful not to offend. Chrismukkah even offers a disclaim-We respect people's different faiths and do not suggest combining the religious observance of Christmas and Hanukkah."

Gompertz explains: "Our intention wasn't to merge the religious aspects but rather the secular aspects of the holidays. Cards from Chrismukkah, based in Liv-

ingston, Mont., use humor to create a hybrid holiday. Greetings include images of a Christmas tree decorated with dreidels, a menorah filled with candy canes and simpler varieties featuring messages such as "Merry Mazeltov" and "Oy Joy." Gompertz is Jewish and from New York

City. He married the daughter of a Protestant minister from the Midwest.

"It's whimsical. It's humorous," said Gompertz. "This is a way of diffusing the seriness of it."

Most of American Greetings' Hanukkah-Christmas cards are humorous, too One shows three snowmen — two dressed in traditional winter hats and scarves, the third wearing a varmulke and prayer shawl. Another features a list of Hanukkah songs that never caught on, including "Shlepping Through a Winter Wonder-



Holiday cards for Hanukkah and Christmas

rolled last week into a display at Rod's Hallmark in Lawrence, Kan., last week.

land," "Bubbie Got Run Over by a Reindeer" and "Come On, Baby, Light My Menorah.'

"We don't go over the line" said Pam Fink, who works on Jewish-themed cards for American Greetings. "We're careful to make sure it's lighthearted funny, but not too far."

Gompertz also has been floating around an "Easterover" idea, featuring a "Rabbi Rabbit." He thinks he'll probably pass on that

"That threatens to push the levels of what's acceptable," he said.

## Rebecca St. James, Michael W. Smith release their latest work

BY BRIAN BOWERS Stars and Stripes

Rebecca St. James has earned acclaim. awards and fans with her music. However, some of her greatest impact has been made through the printed page

"Wait For Me" established the 27-year-old pop singer as a major voice in the sexual-purity movement. In her fourth book, "SHE," released last month, she takes up a wider range of women's concerns. The catalyst for "SHE" was a stressful

period that followed 13 months of touring and a decision to establish her own home The accumulated pressure left her feeling that she couldn't rely on anyone around her anymore.

"It was me sensing this massive inner struggle," St. James said. "... I felt a cold-ness and a hardness creeping in on me." Although St. James was able to move

from that place of hardness and return to "softness," many other women feel trapped. These are the people St. James and her co-author Lynda Hunter Bjork-lund hope will pick up "SHE." The book's title actually derives from an

acronym the pair developed, "Women have to have Safety, Health and be Empowered," St. James said.

Each of these three topics is divided into nine key areas, such as beauty, sexual purity, security, femininity, setting boundaries and mentoring. Some of these topics require that women strike a balance. For example, it's important to feel beautiful but women who focus too much on its physical aspects can fall into the trap of eating disorders.



Contemporary Christian music artist Michael W. Smith takes a break from radio interviews in October at Paragon Studios in Franklin, Tenn. Smith released a new CD called "Healing Rain" last month.

One of the book's primary targets is pop-ular culture, with its focus on promiscuity and vanity

"We're bombarded with every kind of ... It becomes very about the message. here-and-now and not the heavenly mind-" she said.

As a result, the book's key areas aim to counteract these cultural influences that don't "have our best interest at heart." In doing this, the book draws heavily on biblical themes and each of the nine key areas offers a woman from the Bible as a model.

"We wanted to come back to, 'God is the answer,' and to trust him," St. James said. On the Web: http://rsiames.com

## Disc tip

When Michael W. Smith's "Healing Rain" hit the stores last month, the new CD shot to the top of the Christian music charts and as high as No. 11 on the mainstream charts. The title track topped the adult contemporary radio chart.

## Today's praise

That shouldn't surprise anyone who's heard the disc's first two songs — "Here I Am" and the title track. They grab the listener with powerful instrumentals, lyrics and vocals. "Healing Rain" tells of God's gracious and healing love. "Here I Am" assertively proclaims a willingness to "give up my life for the One." Both of these praise songs are in line with Smith's tremendously successful worship CDs of the last few years.

However, the disc switches pace on the third track, "Live Forever," slowing down and turning contemplative. Actually, it seems a bit too slow, as if most of the energy captured in the first two songs has dissinated. Most of the remaining songs are definitely made for easy listening, including a cover of Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Waters." "Hang On" and "Fly To The Moon" pick up the pace and explore interesting topics but don't recap-ture the power of the initial songs.

Of course, easy listening is perfectly fine if that's what you're after. The problem is that many of Smitty's fans are drawn to his energetic worship songs or upbeat adult-contemporary times.

On the Web: www.michaelwsmith.com

Today's Praise is a roundup of news and reviews from the contemporary Christian music industry. It appears on the Religion page.

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Tampa Bay at San Diego Philadelphia at Washington Monday, Dec. 13 Kansas City at Tennessee

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Bowl glance

Tuesday, Dec. 14
New Orleans Bowl
Payout: \$750,000
North Texas (7-4) vs. Southern Mississippi
(6-4)

Tuesday, Dec. 21

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Wyoming (6-5) vs. Pac-10 No.
Friday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: \$750,000
UAB (7-4) vs. WAC

Saturday, Dec. 25 Blue-Gray Classic At Troy, Ala.

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Blue vs. Gray

Monday, Dec. 27

MPC Computers Bowl

At Boise, Idaho

Payout: \$750,000

Fresno State (8-3) vs. Virginia (8-3) Fresno State (8-3) vs. Virginia (8-3 Motor City Bowl At at Pontiac, Mich. Payout: \$750,000 Toledo (9-3) vs. Connecticut (7-4)

Toledo (9-3) vs. Connecticut (1 Tuesday, Dec. 28 Independence Bow At Shreveport, La. Payout: \$1.2 million Big 12 vs. TBA

TBA
Insight Bowl
At Phoenix
Payout \$750,000
0. 4/5 vs. Notre Dame (
Wednesday, Dec. 29
Houston Bowl
Payout \$1.1 million
Paso (8-3) vs. Big 12
Alamo Bowl Pac-10 No

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Pat San Antonio
Ohio State (7-4) vs. Big 12 No. 4
Thursday, Dec. 30
Continental Tire Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Payout: \$75,0,000
Boston College (8-3) vs. North
(6-5)

Emerald Bowl At San Francisco Payout: \$750,000 (7-4) vs. Navy (8-2) Holiday Bowl At San Diego At San Diego
Payout: \$2 million
Pac-10 No. 2 vs. Big 12 No. 3
Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.

Payout: \$750,000 WAC VE MAD Friday, Dec. 31 Music City Bowl At Nashville, Tenr Payout: \$780,000 nesota (6-5)

SEC vs. Minnesöta (6-5)
Sun Bow Wat El Paso, Texas
Purdue (7-4) vs. Pac-10 No. 3
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: \$1.35 million
Boise State (11-0) vs. Lousiville (9-1)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta

Payout: \$2.2 millio ACC No. 3 vs. Florida (7-4) Saturday, Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl

At Dallas Payout: \$3 million SEC vs Big 12 No. 2

vs. BCS Monday, Jan. 3 Sugar Bowl At New Orleans Payout: \$11-14 millio BCS vs. BCS

BCS vs. BCS
Tuesday, An. 4
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Payout: \$11-14 millio
BCS1 vs. BCS2
Gridinon Classic
At The Villages, Fla
North vs. South

East-West Shrine Classic At San Francisco

vs. West Saturday, Jan. 22 Hula Bowl At Maui, Hawaii

North vs. South

**Division I-AA playoffs** 

Quarterfinals Saturday, Dec. 4 Saturday, Dec. 4
Delaware (9-3) at William & Mary (10-2)
James Madison (10-2) at Furman (10-2)
New Hampshire (10-2) at Montana (10-2)
Sam Houston State (10-2) at Eastern Washington (9-3)

gron (9-3)

Semifinals

Friday, Dec. 10 or Saturday, Dec. 11
Sam Houston State-Eastern Washing
inner vs. Montana-New Hampshire win
Delaware-William & Mary winner
umes Madison-Furman winner De

Championship Friday, Dec. 17 At Finley Stadium/Davenpo Chattanooga, Tenn. Semifinal winners

## Division II playoffs

Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 4 ter (11-3) at Val West Chest rth Dakota (11-2) at Pittsburg St. (13-0)

Championship Saturday, Dec. 11 At Braly Municipal Stad Florence, Ala. Florence, Ala.

North Dakota-Pittsburg St. winner vs.

West Chester-Valdosta State winner

Division III playoffs

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Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 4

Delaware Valley (12-0) at Rowan (9-2)
Mary Hardin-Baylor (11-1) at Washing
Carthage (11-1) at Washing
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Mary Hardin-Baylor-Washington & Jeffer-son winner vs. Carthage-Mount Union win-

Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 Stagg Bowl At Salem Stadium

**NAIA** playoffs

Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 4 wn, Ky. (12-0) at St. Francis, Ind. isa Pacific (11-2) at Carroll, Mont. (9-2)

Championship
Saturday, Dec. 18
At Jim Carroll Stadium
Hardin Couty, Tenn.
Georgetown, Ky.-St. Francis, Ind. winner
S. Azusa Pacific-Carroll, Mont. winner

## College basketball

## Men's AP Top 25 fared

Friday
. Wake Forest (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Richmond, Saturday.

2. Kansas (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pacific, Saturday.

2, Kansas (3-0) did no play, Next: vs. Pacific, Saturday.
3. Syracuse (6-0) did not play, Next: vs. Colin (1-2) did not play, Next: vs. Colin (1-2) did not play, Next: vs. Colin (1-2) did not play, Next: xi. Arkansas, Saturday.
5. Ilinois (6-0) did not play, Next: xi. Arkansas, Saturday.
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18. Duke (4-0) did not play, Next: x. Valenzilos, Statridys.
19. Carlo (5-1) did not play, Next: x. Valenzilos, Statridys.
21. Maryland (1-1) did not play, Next: x. Secrey Evashington, Statridys.
21. Pittsburgh (4-0) did not play, Next: x. Valenzilos, Statridys.
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Miami, Saturday.

20. Notre Dame (3-0) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Saturday.

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20. Notre Damie (3-0) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Saturday.
21. Arizona (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Mississippi State, Sunday.
22. Alabama (5-1) did not play. Next: at Charlotte, Saturday.
23. Iowa (5-1) beat Centenary 88-53. Next: vs. North Corilloa-Greensboro, Saturday.
24. Virginia (6-0) beat Auburn 89-87. Next: at Iowa State, Monday.

25. Wisconsin (3-1) did not play.Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.

## Friday's men's scores

EAST Amherst 87, Westfield St. 82, OT Brown 79, Binghamton 77 Buffalo St. 65, Oneonta 62 Buffalo St. 65, Öneonta 62 Fredonia St. 95, New Pallz 77 Hunter 83, Baruch 80, OT John Jay 60, Vassar 53 La Roche 62, Hilbert 48 Lincoln, Pa. 85, Phila. Bible 68 Oswego St. 85, Cazenovia 53 Palm Beach Atlantic 116, Wesley 57 Penn St. 94, Lock Hawen 46 Fltt-Green Sturp 79, Penn St. Behrend 75,

Plattsburgh 90, Brockport 79
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Flagler 86, Ferrum 69

Georgetown, Ky. 105, Strayer 67 Louisiana-Monroe 63, Samford Montevallo 114, Stillman 88

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and Gold Financial tou First Round efiance 77, Madonna 73 Ichigan Dearborn

Deflance 77, Madonna 73 Michigan-Dearborn 59, Olivet 55 SMS Price Cutter Classic First Round Ark-Little Dock 58, 52 Louislana 48 SW Misson Cox 58, 52 Louislana 48 First Round Alvernia 60, 54 Louisland 52, 54 Hood 72, Christopher Newport 68, 0T Rochester Tech 70, Montelair 51, 56

Skidmore Invitational First Round Skidmore 85, CCNY 58 Wesleyan, Conn. 56, Nazareth, N.Y. 54

Women's AP Top 25 fared

Friday
1. LSU (8-0) did not play. Next: at No. 18

L LSU (49) did not play, Next: at No. 18 minescate, Tuesday, e.) did not play, Next at No. 18 minescate, Tuesday, e.) did not play, Next: at Penn State, Sunday, a More Bamer, e.) did not play, Next: at Next: a State State

c, Saturday. 11. Ohio State (6-1) did not play. Next: at ayton, Saturday. 12. Texas Tech (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. tiami. Monday.

Mlami, Monday,

13. Vanderbilt (5-0) did not play, Next: at Mlami (Ohlo), Saturday.

14. Purdue (4-1) beat UC Santa Barbara 66-65, OT. Next: at No. 25 UCLA, Sunday.

15. Michigan State (5-1) did not play, Next: at Cincinnati, Saturday.

15. Michigan State (5-1) did not play, Next: at Old Dominion, Sunday. fonday. nderbilt (5-0) did not play. Next: at

17. DePaul (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Loyo-la of Chicago, Monday. 18. Minnesota (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas, Sunday.

inday. sas State (4-1) beat New Hamp-

Kansas, Sunday.

Namasa, State (4-1) beat New HampDa Kansas, State (4-1) beat New HampDa Kansas, State (4-1) del not play. Next:
Northeastern, Saturday.

2. Boston College (4-1) did not play. Next:
y lilinois, Saturday.

2. Louisiana Tech (2-1) did not play. Next: at
Xavier, Saturday.

Xavier, Saturday.

3. TCU (6-1) did not play. Next: at Arkansas State, Sunday.

Perin, Sunday. enn, Sunday. 25. UCLA (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14

## Friday's women's scores

Baruch 84, Huntet 57
Brockport 62, Plastisburgh 50
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Mount Holyoke 52, Hawerford 40
Niagara 78, Rider 70
Niagara 78, Rider 70
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Missouri-Rolla 73, Montevallo 65
State Farm Holiday Classic
First Round
E. Michigan 69, UMKC 44

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#### SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 25

## Golf

## Hong Kong Open

Saturday At Gary Player Country Club Sun City, South Africa Purse: \$4.06 million Yardage: 7,835; Par: 72 Third Round Lee Westwood, England 70-70-71-211 Retief Goosen, South Africa 70-71-71-212 Stuart Appleby, Australia 70-69-74-213 Chris DiMarco, United States 71-74-69-214 Nick Price, Zimbahwe 71-70-74-215

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Jim Furyk, United States
Todd Hamilton, United States
Jay Haas, United States
Sergio Garcia, Spain
Fredrik Jacobson, Sweden
Chad Campbell, United States
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Paul Lawrie, Scotland
Ted Oh, South Korea
Gerry Norquist, United States
Glay Devers, United States

## Baseball

### Free agent signings

NEW YORK — The 22 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sourc-

S: AMERICAN LEAGUE BOSTON (1) — Re-signed Doug Mirabelli, c, BOSTON (1) — Re-signed Doug Mirabelli, c, to a S3 million, two-year contract. CLEVELAND (1) — Re-signed Bob Wickman.

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CHICAGO (1) — Re-signed Glendon Rusch, Ihp, to a 54 million, two-year contract. CINCINNATI (1) — Re-signed Paul Wilson, rho, to an S82, million, two-year contract. FLORIDA (1) — Re-signed Damion Easley, 2b, to a \$750,000, one-year contract. HOUSTON (1) — Re-signed Jose Vizcalno, ss, to a \$1.25 million, one-year contract. AMLWAUKEE (1) — Signed Damian Miller, c, Oakland, to an \$8.5 million, three-year contract.

tract. MONTREAL (2) — Signed Cristian Guzman, ss, Minnesota, to a \$16.8 million, four-year contract; signed Vinny Castilla, 3b, Colorado, to a \$5.2 million, two-year contract. NEW YORK (1) — Re-Signed Kris Benson, they to a \$2.25 million, three-year contract, they to a \$2.25 million, three-year contract, they to a \$2.5 million two-year contract, they to a \$5.3 million two-year contract, they to a \$5.3 million two-year contract. rminotermin / nessigned or head of the contract. Sampling two-year contract. Sampling two-year contract signed beings Reyse, sho, kansas city, to a \$55,000, one-year contract signed bennys Reyse, sho, kansas city, to a \$55,000, one-year contract signed bennys Reyse, sho, kansas city, to a \$51,500 city, the contract signed Armando Benlez, ring, Florida, to a \$51,5 million, three-year contract on, three-year contract.

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AMAREM (A) - Andres Galarraga, th: Troy Glaus, fiv: Shane Halfer, 30; Aaron's Sele, rip, Glaus, fiv: Shane Halfer, 30; Aaron's Sele, rip, Glaus, fiv: Shane Halfer, 30; Aaron's Sele, rip, Glaus, fiv: Bedrown (A) - Andrew (A) -

CLEVELAND (1) — Rick White, rhp. DETROIT (2) — Alan Levine, rhp: Esteban yan, rhp. (2) — Alan Levine, rhp; Esteban Yan, rhp. KANSAS CITY (5) — Kevin Appler, rhp; Juan Gonzalez, of; Joe Randa, 3b; Desi Relaford, 3b; Kelly Stinnett, c. MINNESOTA (4) — Henry Blanco, c; Corey Koskie, 3b; Terry Mulholland, lhp; Brad Radke, rhp. NEW YORK (10) — Miguel Cairo, 2b; Tony Clark, 1b; Orlando Hernandez, rhp; Travis Lee, 1b; Jon Lieber, rhp; Esteban Loaiza, rhp; CJ, Nitkowski, lhp; John Olerud, 1b; Ruben Si-

OAKLAND (4) — Jermaine Dye, of; Chris Hammond, Ihp; Jim Mecir, rhp; Mark McLemre, 2b. SEATTLE (3)— Edgar Martinez, dh; Ron Vil-

lone, lhp: Dan Wilson, c.

TAMPA BAY (5) — Brook Fordyce, c; John
Halama, lhp: Tino Martinez, lb; Todd Ritchie, Halama, lhp; Tino Martinez, iz; 1000 Miccine, rhp; Rey Sanchez, 2b. TEXAS (12) — Manny Alexander, 2b; David Dellucci, of; Andy Fox, 3b; Brad Fullmer, dh; Rusty Greer, of; Brian Jordan, of; Jeff Nelson, rhp; Herbert Perry, dh; Jay Powell, rhp; John Wasdin, rhp; Eric Young, of; Jeff Zimmer-

Wasdin, mp: ten Young, of: Jeff Zimmer-TORONTO (5) - Dave Berg, of: Valerio De-Los Santos, linp; Carlos Delgado, Ib; Comez, ss. Pat Herrigen, mp; Grego Zaun, c. ARIZONA (11) - Carlos Baerga, Ib; Damy Bautista, of; Grego Colbrun, Ib; Leif Fassero, ling; Mike Fetters, mp; Matt Mantel, mp; Price Sout Service, mp; Riche Sesson, Ib; Steve Sparks, mp.

teve Sparks, ruce, mp; klichle Sexson, 1b; ATLANTA (6) — Antonio Alfonseca, rhp; aud Byrd, rhp; D. Drew, of; Julio Franco, 1b; C. Lander, J. Lander, Lan 

np; Robin Ventura, 1b. MILWAUKEE (1) — Craig Counsell, ss. MONTREAL (2) — Tony Batista, 3b; Einar MONTIREAL (2) — tony
Diaz, C.
NEW YORK (7) — Ricky Bottalico, rhp; Mike
Delean, rhp; John Franco, lip; Richard Hidalgo, lof; Al Leiter, lip; Mo Vaughn, 1b; Todd
PHILADELPHA (8) — Rheal Cormier, lip;
Doug Glanville, of; Roberto Hernandez, rhp;
Todd Jones, rhp; Kevin Millwood, rhp; Eric
Milton, lhp; Todd Pratt, c.; Placido Polanco,
h

b.

PITTSBURGH (1) — Brian Boehringer, rhp.
ST. LOUIS (9) — Cal Eldred, rhp; Steve
Gline lhp; Ray Lankford, of; John Mabry, of;
Alike Matheny, c; Matt Morris, rhp; Edgar
tenteria, ss; Woody Williams, rhp; Tony
Vomack 2b.

Womack, 2b., woudy Williams, rfip: Tony SAN DIEGO (7) — Andy Ashby, rhp; Rich Au-rillia, ss; Robert Fick, dh; Alex Gonzalez, ss; Dave Hansen, 1b; Antonio Osuna, rhp; David Wells, lip. Dave Hansen, 1b; Antonio Osuna, rhp; David Wells, lhp.
San FRANCISCO (5) — Dave Burba, rhp; Bavid Jason Christiansen, lhp; Dustin Hermanson, rhp; Ricky Ledee, of; Robb Nen, rhp.

## Ski racing Men's World Cup downhill

Friday
At Beaver Creek, Colo.
and Miller, United States, 1 minute.

9.76 seconds. 2. Daron Rahlves, United States, 1:39.92. 3. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 1:40.15. 2. Daron Rahives, United States, 1:99.92.
3. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 1:40.15.
4. Bruno Kernen, Switzerland, 1:40.50.
6. Hars Knauss, Austria, 1:40.74.
7. Bryon Friedman, United States, 1:40.75.
8. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 1:40.81.
9. Fritz Strobl, Austria, 1:40.84.
10. Hermann Maler, Austria, 1:40.85. 10. Hermann Maier, Austria, 140.85.

11. Kurt Sutzenbacher, Italy, 140.85.

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9. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 47.
10. Kurt Sulzenbacher, Italy, 46.
10. Kurt Sulzenbacher, Italy, 46.
1. Bode Miller, United States, 480 points.
2. Michael Waichhofer, Austria, 195.
3. Hermann Maler, Austria, 194.
4. Hars Knauss, Austria, 187.
2. Digno Rahlyes, United States, 480. Hans Knauss, Austria, 187. Daron Rahlves, United States, 184. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 121. Stephan Goergi, Austria, 117. Antoine Deneriaz, France, 110. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 103. D. Mario Scheiber, Austria, 102.

## Women's World Cup downhill

At Lake Louise, Alberta
1. Lindsey Kildow, United States, 1 minute
23.44 seconds.
2. Carole Montillet-Carles, France, 1:23.63.
3. Hilde Gerg, Germany, 1:23.69.
4. Michaela Dorfmeister, Austria, 1:23.72.

Renate Goetschl, Austria, 1:24.19.
Petra Haltmayr, Germany, 1:24.22.
Sviviane Berthod, Switzerland, 1:24.26. . Sylviane Bertriod, Switzeriand, 1:24.26. Lisolde Kostner, Italy, 1:24.28. Caroline Lalive, United States, 1:24.46. O. Fraenzi Aufdenblatten, Switzerland,

24.50.

11. Brighte Obermoser, Austria, 1:24.60.

12. Katja Wirth, Austria, 1:24.61.

13. Janica Kostellic, Croatia, 1:24.71.

14. Ingrid Jacquemod, France, 1:24.81.

15. Julia Mancuso, United States, 1:24.82. 14. Infrar Jacobernon, 1445-82.
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17. Brynn McCarry, United States, 1-1448.
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1:25.53. 30. Melanie Turgeon, Canada, 1:25.57. Downhill standings 1. Lindsey Kildow, United States, 100

pints. 2. Carole Montillet-Carles, France, 80. 3. Hilde Gerg, Germany, 60. 4. Michaela Dorfmeister, Austria, 50. 5. Renate Goetschl, Austria, 45. 5. Refiate Goescill, Austria, 45. 6. Petra Haltmayr, Germany, 40. 7. Sylviane Berthod, Switzerland, 36. 8. Isolde Kostner, Italy, 32. 9. Caroline Lalive. United States, 29. 8. Isologian Balive, United Sandard 10. Fraenzi Aufdenblatten, Switzerland, 10. Fraenzi Aufdenblatten, Switzerland, 10. Fraenzi Aufdenblatten, Switzerland, 340 points. Overall standings
1. Tanja Poutlainen, Finland, 340 point
2. Anja Paerson, Sweden, 275.
3. Janica Kostelle, Croatia, 3. Janica Kostelle, Croatia, 5. Janica Kostelle, Croatia, 5. Janica Kostelle, Croatia, 5. Janica Kostelle, Croatia, 5. Martina Ertl, Germany, 121.
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6. Lindsey Kildow, United States, 100.
6. Michaela Moellog, 1taly, 100.
6. Michaela Olimecher, Austria, 95.
6. Michaela Olimecher, Austria, 95.
10. Nicole Hosp, Austria, 79.

## Hockey

## Friday's scores

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Colgate 4, Princeton 2
Cornell 6, Yale 2
Fredonia St. 3, Oswego St. 2
Harvard 4, Union, N.Y. 1
Holy Cross 3, Army 2
Massachusetts 3, Providence
Mass.-Lowell 7, St. Lawrence
Mercyhurst 3, Sacred Heart 3
Merrimack 2, Maine 2, tie
Naw Hampship 3, Clarkon 1
New Hampship 3, Clarkon 1 New Hampshire 3, Clarks Norwich 3, Hamilton 1 RPI 3, Brown 3, tie Trinity, Conn. 6, Babson 4

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Wesleyan, Comn. 6, Mass-Boston 1
Alabama-Huntsvillourian
Midwest
Bowling Green 2, Michigan 5t. 1
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Michigan 6, Notre Bame 1
N. Michigan 3, Nebraska-Omaha 2
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## Deals

## Friday's transactions

BASEBALL American League YORK YANKEES—Agreed to te with C John Flaherty on a one-year contract.
Traded OF Kenny Lofton and cash to Phila-delphia for RHP Felix Rodriguez, and LHP Felix Heredia to the New York Mets for LHP Mike Stanton and cash.

National League CINCINNATI REDS—Named Dan Huston colorado rockies—Named Mike Gal lego third base and infield coach and Jef Bridich manager of minor league opera

ons. FLORIDA MARLINS—Named Luis Dorante ullnen coach and Brian Chattin director of player development.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with
SS Jose Vizcaino on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL BASKETBÁLL National Basketball Association INDIANA PACERS—Activated G Reggie Mill-

er from the injured list.

NEW ORLEANS HORNETS—Traded G Darrell Armstrong to Dallas for G Dan Dickau rell Armstrong to Dallas for G Dan Dickau and a 2005 second-round draft pick. American Basketball Association ABA—Announced the Oklahoma City Ball-hawgs will move to Baton Rouge, ta. and be called the Louislana Hurricanes. UTAH SNOWBEARS—Signed F David

UTAH SHOT SET STATE STAT nony Maddox from the practice squad.
Valved WR Jermaine Lewis.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed OL
Marques Sullivan. Walved WR Kevin Kasper.
COLLEGE
CAMPBELLSVILLE—Named Jim Deaton foot-

all coacn. CHATTANOOGA—Named Don Harris assis ant director of marketing and promotion and Anne Wehunt assistant sports informa on director. FARI HAM-Named Bill Kinsey athletic

ainer.

HOFSTRA – Named Danny McCabe execuve associate director of athletics.

MICHIGAN STATE – Named Daune Rensing
sterim volleyball coach. NEBRASKA—Announced the resignation of urner Gill, assistant football coach.

## Iowa coach Alford says defense kev in a laugher

The Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa - Iowa's scoring plays were the ones that drew cheers from the crowd. Coach Steve Alford chose to applaud the play at the other end.

Alford saluted his team's de-fense after No. 23 Iowa rolled past winless Centenary 88-53 Friday night in the first round of the Hawkeye Challenge. Iowa held Centenary to 32 percent shooting and made 12 steals, five by Pierre Pierce.

"I was real impressed with the way we guarded," Alford said. "To be honest, that's what we focused on. There was 40 minutes



of pretty good, solid defense and that's important for us."

There was plenty of offense, too. Pierce scored 19 points to lead the Hawkeyes (5-1), who continued to dominate in their own tournament. Alford used all 13 players and 12 scored, seven getting at least seven points.

With Alford constantly shuttling players in and out, Iowa wasn't always as sharp as it has been at times this season. But Centenary (0-4) was never a threat after the first 11 minutes and Iowa blew the game open with a 30-8 burst in the second half

"We just got up in them and our help defense was pretty good," Io-wa's Jeff Horner said. "The big guys are getting in there helping and the guards are out there deny ing. That's what we need."

Greg Brunner added 14 points for Iowa on 6-for-7 shooting, including a crowd-pleasing dunk during the big run. Horner had nine points and seven assists and Doug Thomas contributed eight points and seven rebounds.

Iowa, now 44-1 in this tourna ment, will try for its 22nd championship in 23 years against UNC-Greensboro on Saturday

Greensboro spoiled a potential matchup between the Hawkeves and former Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy with a 79-78 victory over Southern Mississippi. Eustachy, in his first season at Southern Miss, spent five years

as Iowa State's coach. Chad Maclies led Centenary with 21 points, 15 in the second

half. Tyrone Tillman scored 12. "In a game where you know you have to win to get to the cham-

pionship game of your own tournament, I thought our three captains were very unselfish and did a lot of good things," Alford said. They took high-percentage shots all night long He was referring to Pierce,

Brunner and Horner. Pierce was 8-for-13 from the field and Horner 3-for-5. The nine points were a season low for Horner but Alford didn't mind.



Virginia's Sean Singletary (44) blocks a shot by Auburn guard Toney Douglas during the first half of Friday night's game.

"He really distributed the ball and got everybody involved," the Iowa coach said. "That's good to 992

Centenary, which has played all of its games so far on the road, hung with the Hawkeyes for a while. Three three-point baskets kept the Gents close and they tied it at 17 on Curtis Tillman's fadeaway jumper midway through the first half.

Then Iowa took off, Adam Haluska hit two three-pointers and Pierce made a layup in a 10-0 run. Later, Pierce slipped under the basket for a reverse lavup on a pass from Horner and hit a fadeaway in the lane as the Hawkeyes ran off six straight points to make it 38-24 late in the half.

Then, with Centenary wearing down, Iowa turned the game into a rout, stretching a 49-36 lead to 79-44 by doing pretty much whatever it wanted, whether it was running fast breaks, dunking or hitting jump shots.

No. 24 Virginia 89. Auburn 87: At Richmond, Va., Sean Singletary scored 15 of his 25 points in the second half, including eight in a 10-5 run when Virginia (6-0) went ahead to stay with just over seven minutes left.

His solid performance -9-for-16 shooting, three three-pointers — foiled Auburn's strategy of clamping down on three-point threats Devin Smith and J.R. Reynolds. Smith added 23 points on

9-for-14 shooting, including four three-pointers, and grabbed eight rebounds. Elton Brown added 17 points and Reynolds had 12.

Auburn freshman Toney Douglas had 33 points.

With Virginia leading 89-84, Singletary committed a foul with three seconds left. Ian Young made his first free throw, missed the second and Quinnel Brown rebounded, scored and was fouled by Smith with 1.7 seconds remain-

ing. Brown tried to bang a miss off the rim to allow for a tying tip, but the ball was slapped out to halfcourt. Nathan Watson and Ronny LeMelle added 15 points each

and Young had 11 as the Tigers (5-1) shot 52.6 percent. The Cavaliers shot 53.2 percent.

# Selig can't drag heels on steroids policy

BY MICHAEL HUNT

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE - You think that maybe now we can get a real drug policy to deal with the cheaters who have ruined the integrity of baseball?

Because if we don't get one soon, the game should be removed from the category of sports and tossed into the entertainment bin with pro wrestling, what with steroid-bloated sluggers giving the misguided what they want.

Bud Selig says he's not kidding this time, that a hard-line drug program for illegal performance-enhancers is coming in the wake of the hardly shocking grand jury revelations out of San Francisco.

Fine but where was it last summer, when baseball said it was ready to deal with one of its worst PR black eyes ever? Now that the big lie is just beginning to be laid bare, maybe the obstructionist

## Commentary

players' union bosses will finally get out of the way.

Maybe the majority of clean players who are demanding a policy with the teeth to remove the

cheaters will get what they want. Maybe, but the damage has already been done.

Remember all the goodwill Selig engendered on behalf of the game last season as the steroid specter was finally cooling? Alternately calling it a "renaissance and the "golden age of baseball," Selig spoke often of rising attendance, more competitive balance. increased revenue and better ratings. And with the kind of coup no amount of marketing money could buy, the Boston Red Sox won the World Series.

And now this! How's the public supposed to react when Barry Bonds reportedly testifies that he

vided by his trainer? Roll their eves? Laugh out loud? Wonder if perjury will eventually apply? Or when Jason Giambi, with an immunity shield, matter-of-factly testifies that he routinely juiced up?

You can't help thinking back to those mistimed commercials baseball produced just before the 2003 All-Star Game, with grotesquely muscled cartoon players hitting baseballs into orbit. My, how they captured the absurdly ironic home-run derby.

Baseball cannot continue to have it both ways. It cannot sell part of its rebirth on massive sluggers breaking all kinds of inflated records, drag its feet on a get-tough drug policy after successfully throwing Don Fehr under the bus last spring and then act all indignant when Giam-

No doubt, Selig will try to make an example of Giambi by coming

be challenged by a union that has zero credibility left on this issue. It should even be said that Selig's commissionership depends on it. because if he doesn't rid baseball of the steroid blight, his legacy could be forever tarnished and the game might revert to its mid-'90s Dark Ages.

But whom are we kidding? Baseball has survived the Black Sox. Pete Rose, the failure to integrate before 1947, a canceled World Series and the '80s cocaine scandal, among other shames. Eventually, people will grow numb to this latest indictment against a Teflon-coated game that, as usual, will recover. After all, the precedent of placing an asterisk next to a home-run record was established 43 years ago. It can be done again.

That, however, is the wrong attitude.

Maybe baseball's always been a culture of cheating-stealing signs, scuffing balls and the Maybe baseball's always been a culture of cheating stealing signs, scuffina balls and the like but steroid abuse has taken it to an extreme and unacceptable level.

like-but steroid abuse has taken it to an extreme and unaccentable level. If a legit drug program isn't in by the start of spring training, baseball's credibility should go over the top rope.

You're on the clock, commis-

## Yankees add two relievers, deal away Lofton, Heredia

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees began reshaping their roster Friday, sending outfielder Kenny Lofton and more than \$1.5 million to the Philadelphia Phillies for setup man Felix Rodriguez and also reacquiring Mike Stanton from the Mets

Stunned by Boston in the AL championship series, the Yankees are expected to make bigger moves later in the offseason, with free-agent center fielder Carlos Beltran and Arizona ace Randy Johnson figuring to be their top

"The winter is not complete yet," Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman said.

The Yankees got Stanton and \$975,000 from the Mets for Felix Heredia in a swap of left-handed relievers. Stanton waived his



no-trade clause to rejoin his former team.

"Everybody wants to play for the Yankees," Rodriguez said. Lofton, 37, will be going to his ninth major league team. A six-time All-Star earlier in his career he hit 275 with seven stolen bases in 83 games in his only season with New York.

"It's been very tough. I'm the type of guy that likes to be settled " he said on a conference call. "It's been very tough the last three or four years.

"Everybody in New York understood I wanted to play. I just wanted to have an opportunity to perform and be part of the team," he said. "I didn't feel as much a part of the team.



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Phillies General Manager Ed

Wade envisioned Lofton starting ahead of Marlon Byrd and Jason Michaels "A player like Kenny is a big

step forward for us," Wade said "Going into spring training, we believe Kenny is our center fielder and will be a catalyst for this

Rodriguez, 32, was 5-8 with one save in 76 games for San Francisco and Philadelphia last season. The Giants traded him to the Phillies for outfielder Ricky Ledee and a minor league pitcher

#### Rockies pitcher Neagle cited for solicitation

LAKEWOOD, Colo. — Colorado Rockies pitcher Denny Neagle was cited Friday for solicitation after a woman in his car said he paid her \$40 for oral sex, police said.

Neagle, who has not pitched in more than a year because of inju-

ries, was pulled over early Friday in a Denver suburb after an officer saw his sports utility vehicle speeding, police spokesman Steve Davis said.

After Neagle was asked why his belt was unbuckled, the woman with Neagle said he had paid her for sex, Davis said.

Neither Neagle nor the woman, identified as Jill Russell, was taken into custody because the charges were minor misdemeanors. Neagle was issued a court for summons for Jan. 27.

Russell was issued a citation on a charge of prostitution and a court summons for Jan. 13.

Rockies President Keli McGregor called the allegation tremely serious" and said the team was still gathering informa-

#### Backman sentenced for probation violation

KENNEWICK, Wash. - Fired Arizona Diamondbacks manager Wally Backman was sentenced to 10 days in jail Friday for violating his probation three years ago.

Backman was fired by Arizona last month just four days after he was hired. He was dismissed following revelations he had been arrested twice and struggled with financial problems.

Benton County District Judge

dered Backman to serve as much as 364 days for the probation violation Instead, he ordered the 10-day

sentence and a \$250 fine.
The Diamondbacks' manage-

ment had been unaware of Backman's problems until media reports that followed his hiring

## Astros re-sign Vizcaino

HOUSTON - Infielder Jose Vizcaino and the Houston Astros agreed Friday to a \$1.25 million, one-year contract

Vizcaino, 36, batted .274 with three home runs, a career-high 21 doubles and 33 RBIs for Houston last season. He played in 138 games with 53 starts, most of which came at the end of the season after shortstop Adam Everett went on the disabled list.

We're very pleased that Jose has decided to continue his relationship with the organization," new Astros General Manager Tim Purpura said, "Jose was a big reason for our success this son, and we look forward to his contribution in 2005."

Vizcaino, who could also earn up to \$500,000 in performance bonuses, has played with the Astros for four seasons, hitting .280 with 12 homers and 110 RBIs. A 15-year major league veteran, Vizcaino has a .272 career average with 33 homers and 449 RBIs.



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Patrick Railey Vicenza



C. I. Battle







Alex Eng



Marcus Fontanez



Paul Fry





Steve Haase



Madison Haves



Chris Iones





Malcom Lane



J.D. Lindsay







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Nick Trice Heidelberg





Jordan Yakana Heidelberg



Kregg Kappenman, SHAPE Pete Resnick, Menwith Hill Brad Shahan, Heidelberg

## Impression: Ansbach places six players on All-Europe team

IMPRESSION, FROM BACK PAGE

peater from last year's team.

AFNORTH's Blankenship added Ansbach tight end Russell Bailey to the mix. He was one of six Cou-- three of them two-way choices - to make All-Europe

"We didn't tackle Bailey all day," Blankenship said. "He ran over our tacklers two or three times. Mannheim's Blank, whose Bison had no success against Ansbach in a nonconference game during the season, also liked what he saw from Bailey, a re-

"Bailey does a lot of things right," he said. "He always gets the key block on the outside. He never misses

Hanau running back Malcolm Lane, who aver aged 7.2 yards per carry, attracted the attention of Jim Hall of Naples. "He's really quick," Hall said. "He has quick feet

and he's really quick through the hole.' Added Ken McNeely of Aviano, "[Lane is] very elusive in the open field. He's shifty and he runs to

grass well. McNeely also had praise for 6-6 defensive back Mark Pearyer of Naples, who came up with a team-record 10 interceptions this year.

"He's a really nice back," McNeely said of the player who came up with a late interception to rebuff Aviano's upset bid. "He reads and closes to the football well. He knows where the football will be." Linebacker Richard Rendon of SHAPE drew raves from a coach who knows him all too well.

"He's caused us problems for four years," said Rob Stewart of International School of Brussels. "He covers sideline to sideline, and when he steps

into the hole, it's plugged. He's one of the best linebackers I've seen in my 10 years at ISB. Receivers Nick Trice of Heidelberg, one of two

sophomores and two Trices on the team, and Brennon Relaford of Ramstein caught the eyes of several "Trice beat us singlehandedly," Ramstein's Por-

ter said of the Heidelberg sprint star whose senior brother T.J. made All-Europe at quarterback. "He only caught three passes, but all three went for touchdowns.

Wiesbaden's Steve Jewell and Kaiserslautern's Clinton Robinson praised Relaford.

"He really sticks out in my mind," Jewell said. "He made a couple of catches against us that were just phenomenal Said Robinson of 6-4 Relaford, "He was like a

man among boys from the wide receiver position." Trice's fellow soph, Bamberg defensive lineman C.J. Battle, impressed Ansbach's George. Battle is a 6-2, 220-pounder who moved after the season

"He's a very fine lineman," said George, who also had kind words for Vicenza punter Patrick Bailey, the only player who came up with an answer to the Ansbach juggernaut this season.

"He's the only kid all year," George said of the 5-yard-per-boot Bailey, "who punted over our re-46-yard-per-boot Bailey,

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Wiesbaden's Paul Fry, a senior in 2004, rushed for 878 yards on 123 carries for the Division I champion Warriors.

## **Restocked Lions open with roar vs. FIS**

Heidelberg, the five-time defending European boys Division I champion, opened its drive for No. 6 by unveiling a new lineup Friday night in a 68-41 nonconference victory at Frankfurt International School.

The Lions lost three of their All-Europe players players as well as steady junior Nate Idlet during the offseaosn, but got 20 points and what FIS coach Ray Morgenstern called an "outstanding" defensive ef-fort from T.C. Blanks.

Damon Fleming added 12 points, and Chris Jones had nine points and eight re-bounds for the Lions, who were to host Mannheim on Saturday.

In other season openers:

Hanau stumbles: At Hanau, the defending European Division II champions fell 46-24 to Division I Kaiserslautern in a non-

Aaron Ellis, the 6-foot-9 junior who was selected to play for the U.S. Albert Sch-weitzer team last April, led all scorers with 17 points, Teammate Julian Smalls added

Senior Marcus Fontanez led Hanau with nine points.

Division II Bison shrugged off 31 points, built around five three-pointers and 10 rebounds, from Ansbach's Russell Bailey to defeat the Division III Cougars 73-61 on

Friday night. Junior Edward Williams scored 20 points and handed out four assists for Man-nheim, which also benefited from Earl Lee's 15 points and 11 rebounds and four three-pointers by sophomore Desmond Brown (14 points).

Young Cougars roar: At Vicenza, the youthful Cougars opened their American Schools in Italy season with a pair of double-digit victories over Livorno.

Freshmen Ka'vara Jackson and Darryl Alexander scored 20 and 17 points, respectively, in Friday night's 79-52 nonconference victory. Vicenza sophomore Anthony Gipson added 13 points.

On Saturday, Vicenza romped 70-29 in the conference game between the two schools as Daryl Gonzalez and Stanley Douglas scored 19 points each and grabbed 22 and 11 rebounds, respectively.

Gipson scored 10 points and made nine steals in the game.

DeAngelo Hall was Livorno's leading scorer both days, with 23 points Friday and 16 Saturday

Baumholder, Alconbury split: At Baumholder. Alconbury of Division III-North rode a 22-point outing by Xavier Ferguson to a 63-59 nonconference victory Friday over the host Bucs, only to fall 56-30 on Sat-

Ben Davis and David Schiller backed Ferguson with 13 and 12 points, respectively on Friday, but none of the Dragons cracked double-figures when Baumholder

turned the tables on Saturday. Chris Bray, with 15 points, and Tyriek Bayne, with 12, led the way for the Bucs on Saturday

SHAPE conquers London Central: At High Wycombe, England, Vernon and Quentin Fowler's scoring fueled a nonconerence sweep by the visiting Spartans.

Vernon Fowler burned the Bobcats for 19 points in Friday's 61-47 triumph and came back with 20 in Saturday's 56-44 victory. Quentin Fowler scored 14 points on Friday and 16 on Saturday.



ID T. CONWAY/Stars and Stripes

Mannheim's Edward Williams battles for a loose ball Friday against Ansbach.

Bitburg sticks with a winner: At Bitburg, the Barons posted a pair of 62-29 victories over two different Division III foes as Nick Brown led the team in scoring both times.

Friday, Brown scored 20 points and Trey Wilson 18 as the Barons dumped Brussels 62-29. Brown had 14 points in Saturday's victory over AFNORTH.

#### urone offensive football team

	:	2004	4 All	-E
Player Ouarterbacks	School	Class	Ht.	Wt.
J.D. Lindsay T.J. Trice	Patch Heidelberg	Jr. Sr.	6-4 6-1	215 170
Running backs Lewis Allen Joseph Casey James Esters-xy Paul Fry Malcolm Lane Philip Lipman Dameon Outley-xy Richard Rendon-xy Receivers	Heidelberg Rota Ansbach Wiesbaden Hanau ISB Ansbach SHAPE	Jr. Sr.	5-8 6-0 5-9 6-1 6-2 5-10 5-10	160 180 168 200 170 195 180 185
Russell Bailey-x Joe Puttmann-xy Brennon Relaford Nick Trice	Ansbach SHAPE Ramstein Heidelberg	Sr. Sr. Sr. Soph.	6-2 6-2 6-4 6-3	220 190 200 190
Derek Almen-x Matt Anderson-xy Mike Ewing-x Adam Golden-y Dan Kubis Dan Lozano Cole Maxey Brandon Simmons-xy Placekickers	Wiesbaden SHAPE Ansbach Ansbach ISB Ansbach Ramstein Heidelberg	Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr.	6-0 6-1 6-1 6-1 6-1 5-11 5-10 6-1	245 210 216 188 205 208 225 255
Marvin Coombs Lones Seiber x-2003 All-European; y	Wiesbaden	Sr. Jr. hoice in	5-11 5-9 1 2004	160 45

Statistics/coach's evaluation

151 rushes, 913 yds, 10 Tbs; 9 recs, 85 yds, 1 TD; 7 KO rtns, 207 yds. 90 rushes, 1,207 yds, 15 Tbs, 5 recs, 73 yds; punt ret TD. 123 rushes, 878 yds. 123 rushes, 878 yds. 96 rushes, 724 yds, 8 Tbs; 2 TD recs, 3 kick return TD; 1,165 all-purpose yds. 136 carries, 841 yds, 9 Tbs; 25-675 passing for 391 yds, 4 Tbs.

42 rushes, 680 yds, 6 TDs. 47 rushes, 388 yds, 8 TDs; 5 recs, 83 yds; 172 yds rushing, MVP in title game.

recs, 398 yds, 6 TDs. recs, 217 yds, 2 TDs; 8 rushes, 172 yds, 2 TDs. 9 recs, 233 yds, 4 TDs. recs, 457 yds, 7 TDs; 8 KO rtns, 186 yds; 9 punt rtns, 146 yds.

Steve Jewell: "Best O-lineman on my team." Kreege Kappenman: "Not one bad (deeps) rang all year. Our best blocker, period." Marcus George: "Outstanding player; outstanding person." See the properties of the

20-23 PAT; 4-7 FGs, long 42 yds. 18-23 PAT; 7-9 FGs, long 50 yds; 11 KOs into end zone

Wiesbaden junior Lones Seiber catches a a touchdown pass against Kaiserslautern on Oct. 16 in Wiesbaden, Germany. Seiber later kicked a 42 yard field goal as Wiesbaden defeated Kaiserslautern 31-17. Seiber was chosen as one of two All-Europe kickers for the 2004 season.

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## ope defensive football team

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Player Racks	School	Class	Ht.	Wt.
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	Menwith Hill Naples Ansbach Heidelberg Ansbach SHAPE SHAPE Ramstein Wiesbaden Heidelberg	Jr. Sr. Jr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr.	6-0 5-10 6-1 6-2 5-10 6-2 5-10 5-10 5-9 5-6	190 170 188 180 180 215 185 185 245 170
	SHAPE Bamberg Baumholder Heidelberg Kaiserslautern Wiesbaden Heidelberg Naples	Sr. Soph. Sr. Sr. Jr. Jr. Jr. Sr.	6-1 6-0 6-5 5-11 6-4 6-3 6-1 5-10	210 220 230 170 182 220 255 190
Patrick Bailey Marcus Fontanez x-2003 All-European; y	Vicenza Hanau -Two-way choic	Sr. Sr. e in 200	6-1 6-4 14	235 215

4int, 2 returned for TDs; 2 forced fumbles; 8 solo tackles, 11 assists. 3 int, one for TD; 2 punt ret TDs. School record 10 int, 4 fumble recoveries; 25 tackles; 4 kick return TDs. 7 int; 2 fumble recoveries; 21 tackles.

61 tackles; 3 int. 67 tackles. 12 for losses including 4 sacks; 2 int; 3 fumble recoveries.

67 tackles, 12 for losses including 4 sacks; 2 int; 3 fumble rd 41 tackles; 6 sacks; 4 fumble recoveries. 26 solos, 46 assists; 25 sacks; 2 int; fumble recovery. Marcus George: "Toughest kid on an outstanding team." 67 tackles; 3 sacks; 2 int; fumble recovery. 79 tackles; 3 acks; 5 locked purit; fumble recovery; safety. 61 solos, 31 assists; 3 fumble recoveries; sack; int.

53 hackles; 10 sanks; 2 safeties; 7 fumble recoveries; blocked punt.
69 hackles: 11 karkles for bisses plus 5 sacks;
21 solos, 26 assists; 4 lackles for 37 total lost yards plus 5 sacks;
21 solos, 26 assists; 35 sacks, fumble recovery,
11.2 tackles per game; 6 sacks; 2 forced fumbles.
45 tackles; 95 acks; 2 fint.

14 solos, 36 assists; 4 sacks; blocked punt; fumble recovery. 44 tackles; 6 sacks; 6 forced fumbles; 4 fumble recoveries; 2 blocked punts.

46-yd average, long of 75. Sam Cassou: "Rest in Division II."

## **D-III champion Cougars** off to fast start vs. Bison

Ansbach's Lady Cougars, the defending European Division III haskethall champions, opened their 2004-2005 season by downing Division II power Mannheim 53-43 Friday night on the Lady Bison's home floor.

Paced by the same three players - Brittney Britton, KeKe Johnson and Alison Hazen - who led Ansbach to the European D-III volleyball title in October, the Lady Cougars opened a 27-17 lead at halftime and maintained it the rest of the way.

Britton and Johnson, both All-Europe second-team choices last season, scored 25 and 22 points, respectively, while Hazen grabbed 14 rebounds

Next up for Ansbach is a home date against D-1 Heidelberg on Friday.

Mannheim, behind 16 points from Nyesha Green and 13 from Amanda Knox, rebounded to down Heidelberg of Division I, 55-41, on Saturday.

Mannheim will play its D-2 opener Saturday at Patch. In other opening-weekend

K-town nips Hanau: At Hanau, Division I Kaiserslautern held off a late rally by the European D-II runners-up, 41-40, thanks in part to 19 points, eight rebounds, four steals and four assists from sophomore Anisha Ingram.

Hanau got 16 points from junior all-conference point guard Kyri Bye-Nagel and 12 from returning All-Europe first-teamer Katisha Fauntlerov. The Panthers led 18-17 at halftime but fell behind in the third quarter. Hanau is at Black Forest Acade-

my for a D-2 match-up on Friday and Saturday. K-town, which defeated D-II Patch 47-16 on Friday night, hosts D-III Giessen this Friday in

its last pre-holiday game. Ramstein takes early D-1 lead: At Würzburg, Ramstein's Lady 51-20 Division I victory.

Senior guard Krissy Grosselin, a three-time All-Europe selection, led Ramstein with 17 points, six assists and five steals. Team-mate Heather Steele led all rebounders with 10.

Ramstein will play Saturday at home against Heidelberg, which fell 42-23 to Frankfurt International School on Friday, and at Mannheim on Saturday. Würzburg hosts Hohenfels on Friday.

Aviano rolls: At Aviano the Lady Saints opened their season with a sweep of visiting American Overseas School of Rome, 51-21 on Friday and 44-4 in Saturday's conference game.

Mavis Sanders and Kassie Mangosing led the scoring in both games. Mangosing scored 12 points on Friday and nine on Saturday; Sanders had 12 on Friday and 14 in Saturday's 40-point courtesy-rule victory which courtesy-rule victory which ended with 7:14 to play in the

Vilseck toes the line: At Vilseck, the Falcons of D-II courtesy-ruled their D-III guests from Hohenfels 48-8 with 3:36 to play in the third quarter Friday night, thanks to efficient foul shooting.

Clarissa Harvey and LaPorschia Sanders each scored 14 points for the Falcons, who shot 16-for-25 from the free-throw

Alconbury nabs road sweep: At Baumholder, the Alconbury Dragons rode the scoring and rebounding of Keisha Hunt to 41-24 and 32-22 victories over the Baumholder Lady Bucs.

On Friday, Hunt led all scorers with 19 points and pulled down 13 rebounds to overcome an 18-rebound effort by Baumholder's Ashley Karayannis. Carly Bascom added 11 points for Alcon-

Saturday, Hunt claimed 13 rebounds and Ounie Pegues 10 to back Bascom's 11-point effort.

#### Local scoreboard

## Boys basketball Italy Vicenza 79, Livorno 52 (Friday at Vicenza)

11 5 10 26-52 25 12 19 23-79 Vicenza Top scorers—Liv: DeAngelo Hall 23, Terrell Murphy 12, Travis Murphy 9; Vic: Ka'vara Jackson 20, Darryl Alexander 17, Anthony Gipson 13. Noteworthy—Daryl Gonzalez pulled down 14 rehounds and Stanley Douglas 12 for Vice-

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175 - None.
176 - None.
177 - None

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Vaiano 25 23 6–54
Top scorers—AOSR: Alessandro Satta 5;
Avi: Dustin Miller 27; Tony Williams 15,
Jacques Watson 10,
Noteworthy—Carl Cephas had 8 rebounds
and Mike Legree 7 for Aylano.
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/—Aviano 50, AOSR 10 Aviano 56, AOSR 6 (Saturday at Aviano; game ended at halftime by 40-point courtesy rule) 3 3- 6 28 28-56

Heidelberg 68, FIS 41 (Friday at Frankfurt Internation (Friday at Frankfurt International School)
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id Bradford 23, Bryce Lee 14, F rls 9

Noteworthy-Bailey, who grabbed 10 re-bounds, sank five three-pointers. Mannheim ord 11 rebounds from Lee and 7 from Khall Brown, Desmond Bown sank 4 treys and Wil-17V—Ansbach 44, Mannheim 33. Vilseck 95, Hohenfels 36 (Friday at Vilseck) 8, 12–18

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fiseck 25 13 19 8-55
Top scorers—Hoh: Jason Parks 10,
eathon Ranson 9, B.J. Denson 5; Vils Rodkey Morgan 14, Derrick Jones 13, Aaron Vernon 8, Kevin Pollock 8,
Noteworthy—Pollock led all rebounders
with 15; his termmate Jones grabbed 8. Park
ad 4 rebounds for Mohenfels.
V—Vilseck 33, Hohenfels 26, 29

ck 33, Hohenters 20. Bitburg 62, Brussels (Friday at Bitburg Friday at Bitburg)
Brussels 7 3 9 10–29
Bitburg 12 9 23 18–62
Top scorers—Brus: Jacob Williamson 10;
Bitb: Nick Brown 20, Trey Wilson 18, Aquel Hodges 8. odges 8.

Noteworthy—Brown and Williamson each ad 9 rebounds; Lonnie Ruffin grabbed 8 re-ounds for Brussels.

e. Bitburg 62, AFNORTH 29 (Saturday at Bitburg) AFNORTH 4 12 2 11-29 23 13 16 10-62 Top scorers—AFN: Mike Wigley 10, Kler-nan Preston 9; Bitb: Brown 14, Perry Hardy 8, 

Alconbury 63, Baumholder 59 (Friday at Baumholder) (Friday at Baumholder)

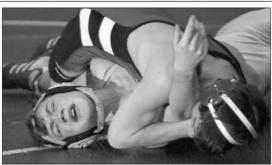
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Javis 13, David Schiller 12; Baum: Tyriek
Jayne 15, CJ. Roberts 13.

Noteworthy-Alex Eng grabbed 8 reJound's for Baumholder.

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Baumholder 12 13 18 13-55
Top scorers-Alc: Dayne 12, Eng 8, Schiller 8,
Baum: Chris Bary 15, Bayne 12, Eng 8, and
Michael Denson 7 for Baumholder,
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(Friday at Black Forest Academy)
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BFA 21 16 13 16—65
Top scorers—Gles; McKinley Johnson 14,
Chris Fehlman 9, Nick Urzi 8; BFA: Ken Reed
20, John Mosely 17, Tim Chey 10.
Noteworthy—Chew pulled down 9 re-bounds and Scott Custer 8 for BFA. Brett Mar-cus added 12 assists. Glessen's Urzi led all rebounders with 12.

JV—BFA 19, Giessen 10 Black Forest Academy 70, Giessen 37 (Saturday at Black Forest Academy) 8 12 11 6-37 17 18 16 19-70



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Kaiserslautern's Bradley George, top, pins Patch's Kevin Keating to win a 130-pound match at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, on Saturday. George finished fourth overall behind Heidelberg's Michael Zachar.

Top scorers—Gies: Fehlman 8, Johnson 7 edric\_Williams 7; BFA: Reed 20, Custer 10 Chew 9.

Noteworthy—Reed led BFA in rebounds with 6, while Custer and Chew had 5 apiece. Glessen's Urzi had a game-high 7; teammate Johnson added 5.

IV—BFA 38, Glessen 28

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JV-SHAPE 50, London Central 19
SHAPE 56, London Central 44
(Saturday at London Central)
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11-44
Top scorers-SHA: V. Fowler 20, Q. Fowler
16; LC: Antony Thomas 12, Ditter 12, Thomas Noteworthy—Melville grabbed 7 rebounds for London Central. JV—SHAPE 38, London Central 20. Kaiserslautern 46, Hanau 24 (Saturday at Hanau) Kaisersalutern 17 11 6 12–46 Hanau 7 6 7 4–24

Hanau 7 6 7 4-24
Top scorers—Kais: Aaron Ellis 17, Juliar
Smalls 12; Han: Marcus Fontanez 9,
Noteworthy—Cameron Warner snared 8 re
bounds for Hanau,
JV—Kaiserslautern 34, Hanau 27.

Girls basketball

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(Friday at Aviano)

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Noteworthy—Heidelberg finished game ith three players after all others fouled ut. JV—Heidelberg 25, Mannheim 24 (OT). Vilseck 48, Hohenfels 8

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en 27 Germany) 0 7 7 13-27 7 6 16 4-33 Glessen 0 7 7 13–27
Black Forest Academy 7 6 16 4–33
Top scorers—Gles: Janet O'Brien 12, Charmoni Jackson 8, Amanda Gray 4; BFA: Kelsey Gerrity 14, Megan Woodward 11, Grace Yoon Noteworthy—Gray had 13 rebounds and Henrietta Brown 3 for Glessen. Gerrity pulled down 11 rebounds and Woodward 10 for BFA.

Dulled down II reconstruction
JW—BFA 6, Glessen 4 in game shortened by
Glessen's late arrival.

(Saturday at Kandern, Germany)
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Top scorers—Gles; Jackson 9, Gray 6,
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Noteworthy—Gray led all rebounders with

C Gerrity posted 18 and Yoon 4 for BFA.

nber Singleton snared 4 rebounds for Gles-

London Central 28, SHAPE 20 (Friday at London Central) (Friday at London Central)
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London Central
9 7 10 2 -28
Top scorers—SHA: Devina Marquez C. Cecly Smith 4, Anna-Mauric Roa 4; LC: Micana Gallawy 12, Sara Lijewski 7, Falvolio Grönez 6;
Moteworthy—Marquez 1cd SHAPE with 5
Steals for London Central, Kelsey Anderson
had 7 steals, and Ordonez had 6 rebounds
and 6 steals.

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lanau. JV—Kaiserslautern 16, Hanau 13.

Wrestling Brussels pentago (Saturday)

(Saturday)
Team scoring—Wiesbaden 166, Bitburg 110, Brussels 66.5, SHAPE 45, Baumholder 27.5. 103 pounds—1, Chris Spencer (Wies); 2, Richie François (Wies). Richie Francois (Wies).

112—1, Ryan Singleton (Bitb); 2, Robert Decarolis (Wies); 3, Shannon Surat (Bitb).

110—1 Paul Moseman (Brush: 2 David crow (Baum); 3, Dan Brunal (Brus); 2, David Crow (Baum); 3, Dan Brunal (Bitb). 125–1, Steven Cody (Brus); 2, Ben Ward (Wies); 3, Michael Walker (Baum).

(Wies), 3, Michael Walker (Baum).

138—None, Odwara (SMAP); 2, Anthony
Messina (Bith); 3, Keyini Labelle (Brus).
148—1, Devid Gardier (Bith); 2, Steve Jeve148—1, David Villanova (Wies); 2, Aaron
(TW)85, 10, Gagnon (Wies); 2, Aaron
149—1, David Villanova (Wies); 2, Aaron
149—1, Mark (Ascander (Wies); 2, Jonas
149—1, Mark (Ascander (Wies); 2, Jonas
149—1, Bryan tsbell (Brus); 2, Faul Hurley
(Wies); 3, Lance (Horman) (Bith). 189-1, Chad Abramson (Wies); 2, Eric Popp (Brus); 3, Zach Mellillo (Wies). 215-1, Richard Rendon (SHAP); 2, Jordan Britten (Wies); 3, Chris Garcia (Wies). 275—I, Greg Surpris (Wies); 2, John Guidry

Alconbury pentagonal (Saturday)

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ream sporing—Lakenheath 212, American
School of London 143, London Central 113,
101 pounds—J. Avi Ahalia (ASS); 2, Logan
Larger (Lake), Tyree (Lake); 2, Peter Mackcertile (ASL); 2, Sario Coloss (CL), Milargo
Larger (Lake), Sario Class (CL), Sario Price
(Larger), Sario Class (Larger), ( (LC) 3, Steven Strain (Laker); 4, Byron Frice 189-1, Craig Campbell (Laker); 2, Ray Younger (Men); 3, Lance Beissner (Laker); 4, 138-1, Sean Wiltion (Laker); 2, Derrick Dean (Laker); 3, Crant Conklin (Men); 4, Brian 149-1, Haydre Barker (Laker); 2, Tyler Moderfleid (LC); 3, Ranny Yorkes (Back) 149-1, Look McClain (Men); 2, Tyler (198-1); 149-1, Cole McClain (Men); 2, Tyler (198-1

ner (Men). 160—1, Craig Horman (Lake); 2, Alex Hig-pins (ASL): 3, Alex Davis (Alc): 4, Luke Ussery (Lake).

171-1, Jesse Tate (LC); 2, Doug Bagnell (Alc); 3, Henry Marsh (ASL); 4, Kevin McCracken (Men).

189-1, Travis Howland (Lake); 2, Dorlan Byer-Westercott (ASL). 215—1, Aaron Peters (Lake); 2, Ivan Lina-toc (LC): 3, Siddhant Sirpal (ASL): 4, Thomas

181, Faten 115, Kaisersiautern 65, Mannheim 180 pounds - Livis Toner Obeldi 2, Trey 1812 pounds - Livis Toner Obeldi 2, Trey 1812 - 1, Hocholas Rogers (Patt) 2, Jordan Germo (Bans) 3, 100, Nyle McCrimmon (1912 - 1, Hocholas Rogers (Patt) 2, Jordan (1912 - 1, Hocholas Rogers (Patt) 2, Jordan (1912 - 1, Hocholas Rogers (Patt) 2, Jordan (1912 - 1, Hocholas Rogers (Patts) 2, Hocholas (Pa 135-n (coty, Beinhart (Rams); 2, Adam (Rams), 2, Cory Piece (Bams); 4, Sent (Nocrota (Rams)); 5, Cory Piece (Bams); 4, Sent (Nocrota (Rams)); 5, Cory Piece (Bams); 7, Marx (Nocrota (Rams)); 7, Marx (Nocrota (Rams)); 7, Marx (Nocrota (Rams)); 8, Marx (Nocrota (Rams)); 8, Marx (Nocrota (Rams)); 7, Marx (Nocrota (Rams)); 7, Christopiece (Rams); 8, Marx (Nocrota (Rams)); 7, Christopiece (Rams); 8, Marx (Nocrota (Rams)); 7, Christopiece (Rams); 8, Marx (Nocrota (Rams)); 7, Marx (Nocrota Brian Taylor (Pat).

215—1, Cole Maxey (Rams); 2, Rocky Fis-cher (Kais); 3, Joey Pirez (Pat).

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## Most wrestlers just happy for one more time on mat

Stars and Strines

VICENZA, Italy - Thomas Anderson thanked his teammates for his 211-pound title, A.J. Werner didn't have that luxury in his 163-pound weight class.

But they had something in common Saturday with a few dozen other servicemem-bers. They were back on the wrestling mat.

"It's just a great sport," said Werner, an Air Force major who made the trip to northern Italy from Sofia, Bulgaria.

"When you're in a sport in high school and you don't get a chance to do it too much after ... this is great," said Anderson, a first lieutenant with Headquarters and

Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion 503rd Infantry Regiment Both came away with titles in the U.S. Forces in Europe wrestling champion-

ships. On Saturday, it was freestyle competition: on Sunday, Greco-Roman For most of those competing over the

weekend, wrestling is just wrestling. "There's probably no other sport where you can beat on a guy for five or six minutes, then go out and have a beer with him later," Werner said.

And catch up on old times. Werner and Thomas Tingley, who was the top wrestler at 145 pounds, wrestled at the Air Force Academy. Werner, 34, was later a coach there before going on to become a U-2 pilot. He's now attending Sofia University on a fellowship. His father. Tom, a longtime coach at Würzburg High School was one of the officials Saturday So the younger Werner decided to make

Bad news for the competition. He had two pins in his three round-robin matches

before running into some trouble in the championship match in the form of Hanau's Bradley Gladbach.

Gladbach had a 4-0 lead in the first period before Werner overtook him at the end. "He's pretty tough." Werner said.

Of course, being a U-2 pilot and then taking graduate courses hasn't left much time

for practice.
"It's been a good five or six years since I actually wrestled," he said. That was until recently, when he discovered a wrestling club of sorts in Bulgaria and stared working out.

Anderson, assigned to Vicenza, has had



## A.J. Werner downs Bradley Gladbach on the way to the 163-pound title at Vicenza, Italy.

more in the way of workout partners. But wrestling hasn't exactly been priority No. 1

"There hasn't been all that much time to devote to it when we're training to get ready to deploy for Operation Enduring Freedom," he said. He's among the thousands of soldiers at Vicenza who are set to head to Afghanistan early next year.

Anderson, 24, wrestled for two years at West Point. He defeated Ramstein's Robin Kiska 7-0 in the championship match Saturday. He smiled when he said he had bigger grudge matches earlier in the day.

"I probably did with the Navy guys, because today is the Army-Navy football game," he said.

Naples' Aaron Hendrickson was the champion at 185 pounds, defeating Vicenza's Lee Rooda 3-0. Vicenza's Christopher Keeney, Anderson's frequent workout partner, won the heavyweight title over Wiesbaden's Damyn Ransom with a pin at 1 minute, 28 seconds.

Many of the same wrestlers go at it again Sunday in the base gymnasium starting at 10 a.m.

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# Meyer passes on Notre Dame, accepts Florida job

BY MARK LONG The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida 1. Notre Dame 0.

The Gators beat Notre Dame to Utah coach Urban Meyer on Friday, luring him away from his "dream job" with the Fighting Urish

Meyer snubbed Notre Dame, where he spent five seasons as an assistant, and agreed to coach the Gators, according to his sister. Asked whether her younger brother had taken the Florida job, Gigi Escoe said, "Yes. It was a tough choice for him, but he's happy with his decision. He had two wonderful choices. He couldn't go wrong."

Meyer signed a seven-year deal worth \$14 million, according to The Gainesville Sun.

His wide-open offense should be welcomed at Florida, where Ron Zook never could satisfy fans who became accustomed to Steve Spurrier's innovative system that was fun to watch and tough to stop. The Gators settled for Zook three years ago after Oklahoma's Bob Stoops and Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan spurned their offers.

Meyer will quadruple his \$500,000 salary and inherit a program with plenty of talent; the Gators finished 7-4, with three loss-

tors finished 7-4, with three losses coming in the waning minutes. But exactly why he chose Florida over Notre Dame was un-

known.
"He didn't question his deci-

sion at all," Escoe said.

Meyer and Foley didn't return messages, and officials at both schools refused to confirm the hiring.

But Meyer's father, Bud, said his son had accepted the job. "All the reports that are out there are correct" he said

The Utes are 11-0 in their second season under Meyer, and are in line for a spot in the Bowl Championship Series.

Meyer, who also had success at Bowling Green before moving to Utah, has said he planned to

coach the Utes in a bowl gam even if he took another job.

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Most figured it would be Notre
Dame, but the prospect of rebuilding the Irish amid high expectations and tough academic standards might have been daunting.
Millingham on Tuesday offer
three seasons, and immediately
targeted Meyer—whose contract
included a clause allowing to
leave for jobs at Notre Dame,
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He met with Notre Dame officials on Thursday.

## A long-feared scandal arrives at last

Baseball's steroid scandal could be seen coming six years ago.

The Olympics have feared the one unfolding now for two decades.

A series of federal grand jury testimony leaks, confessions and new accusations link the San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds, the New York Yankees' Jason Giambi and Olympic star Marion Jones to steroids distributed by the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

Steve Wilstein



The revelations are no surprise after years of widespread suspicions that some of the world's greatest athletes have been building better bodies through chemistry.

Baseball shrugged when Mark McGwire acknowledged using androstenedione, an over-the-counter steroid precursor that has since been banned, during his

70-homer season in 1998.

When Jose Canseco and Ken Caminiti, two former MVPs, admitted using steroids and alleged many others were doing the same, basehall still did little. Bullied by the players' association, the sport was slow to set up a drug-testing program that even now does not have random, year-round testing.

ing.
That head-in-the-sand mentality has come back to haunt the game and tarnish Bonds' pursuit of Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron's career home run marks.

Reports in the San Prancisco Chronicle that Giambi told a federal grand jury he tused human growth hormone and steroids, and that Bondst sestified he used a clear substance and a cream supplied by BALCO to his trainer, brought quick condemnation of the sport's approach to performance-enhancing drugs. The substances Bonds described are similar to steroids at the center of the scandal.

"It shows the problem is endemic in baseball," World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound told The Associated Press on Friday.

"It also shows that their so-called efforts to determine whether there was a 'problem' was limited to anabolic steroids with full warnings to everybody, ignoring all the other stuff that's clearly being used, and followed by a set of fudicrous sanctions. It indicates that baseball is not at all serious about this?"

There is no shock, either, in BALCO founder Victor Conte's claims that he sat beside Jones as she injected herself with human growth hormone three years ago, the day before a track meet in California. Suspicions have surrounded Jones for years, and she remains under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

"She pulled the spandex of her bicycle shorts above her right thigh," Conte wrote



The San Francisco Chronicle has reported that Barry Bonds testified to a grand jury that he used a clear substance and a cream given to him by a trainer who was indicted in a steroid-distribution ring, but said he didn't know they were steroids.

in a first-person account for ESPN: The Magazine. "She dialed up a dose of four-and-a-half units of growth hormone and injected it into her quadriceps."

Conte said he started working with Jones, at the request of her then-husband and coach C.J. Hunter, before the 2000 Sydney Games, where she won three gold and two bronze medals.

"I started providing her with insulin, growth hormone, EPO and 'The Clear,' as well as nutritional supplements,' said Conte, who identified "The Clear" as the designer steroid THG, which could not be detected by tests at the time.

"Victor Conte's allegations about me are not true, and the truth will come out in the appropriate forum," Jones said in a statement to the AP on Friday. "I have instructed my lawyers to vigorously explore a defamation lawsuit against Victor Conte."

The Olympics have been worried about a scandal involving this big a star since the Ben Johnson case stained the 1988 Seoul Games

Jones should be stripped of her Olympic medals if allegations that she used banned drugs before the Sydney Games prove to be true. Pound said.

Jones, however, has repeatedly denied using performance-enhancing drugs, and her attorney, Richard M. Nichols, said Conte is not credible. Bonds and Giambi also have denied

using steroids, but their grand jury testimony last year and reported by the Chronicle this week contradicted what they said in public.

Bonds testified that in 2003 he used a clear substance and a cream given to him by his friend and trainer, Greg Anderson, but didn't know they were steroids, according to the penor!

ing to the report.

During the three-hour proceeding, the Chronicle reported, two prosecutors presented Bonds with documents that alleged-by detailed his use of a long list of drugs: human growth hormone, Depo-Testosterone, undetectable steroids known as 'the mid, a drug for fenale infertility sometimes used to enhance the effect of test-osterone.

The documents, many with Bonds' name on them, are dated from 2001 through

Bonds, who hit a record 73 homers in 2001, said Anderson told him the substances were the nutritional supplement flax-seed oil and a rubbing balm for arthritis.

Bonds' attorney, Michael Rains, said the leak of grand jury testimony was an attempt to smear his client. He also maintained Bonds testified truthfully before the grand jury.

"His statement would be to you if he were standing here, he did not take anything illegal," Rains said.

Even if the substances Bonds took were steroids, Rains said they were not banned by baseball at the time and the slugger believed they were natural. Bonds also maintains the substances did nothing to aid his rise as one of the game's greatest home run hitters, Rains said.

"Barry was tested several times this year and the results of those tests were negative," said Bonds' agent, Jeff Borris.

How this all plays out for Bonds, Giambi and baseball is uncertain.

Bonds could face charges if prosecutors believe he lied in his grand jury testimony. His records might be stained, but his eventual election to the Hall of Fame probably won't be jeopardized. The 40-year-old slugger has 703 homers, behind only Ruth (714) and Aaron (755).

Giambi's testimony could lead the Yankees to terminate his \$120 million contract and allow baseball Commissioner Bud

Selig to discipline him.

For baseball, it is stuck in the mud of a scandal that won't go away.

Selig said he's committed to ridding baseball of performance-enhancing substances and is calling on the players' association to adopt a stronger drug-testing policy modeled after the minor league program.

"The use of these substances continues to raise issues regarding the game's integrity and raises serious concerns about the health and well-being of our players," the commissioner said.

Selig didn't take that attitude six years ago when a beefed-up McGwire was hammering homers. Maybe now, he can persuade the union to change its attitude, too.

Steve Wilstein is a columnist for The Associated

London-based sports writer Steve Wilson contributed to this report.

# Conte interview shown on ABC

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Victor Conte said he supplied performance-enhancing drugs to track stars Marion Jones, Tim Montgomery and Kelli White, but stopped short of saying that Barry Bonds was a steroids user.

Conte, head of the lab that allegedly provided steroids and other banned drugs to elite athletes, reiterated comments first released by ABC a day earlier, and named names on "20/20" on Fri-

He was indicted in February by the grand jury investigating the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. Conte, BALCO vice president James Valente, Bonds' personal trainer Greg Anderson and track coach Remi Korchemny all have pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Conte said that he gave drugs to Anderson, but had no knowledge of what become of the substances after that. He said Anderson could've given them to Bonds, but had no information whether they were passed on to the San Francisco Giants slugger.

Conte said he started supplying Jones with doping substances in the weeks leading up to the 2000 Olympics and watched as she injected herself with human growth hormone.

Jones, who won three gold and two bronze track and field medals in Sydney, repeatedly has denied ever using banned drugs.

"I think she made her decision and she's going to have to be accountable to the consequences of her decision," Conte told ABC.

Conte told ABC.

"If she said she didn't use drugs, then she lied."

The fact that Jones has never failed a drug test came as no to surprise to Conte, who developed chemical treatments that for a long time were undetectable by outdated testing.

He smiled when he was shown a letter sent to Montgomery, informing the track star that he passed a drug test during the time Conte said he was using illegal substances.

"There are thousands of those letters that athletes have, and I'm sure they chuckle every time they get them," Conte said on "20/20."

Conte said on 20/20.

Conte said he provided various drugs to Jones, Montgomery and White and designed doping regimens that included the previously undetectable steroid THG, the endurance-enhancing hor-

THG, the endurance-enhancing hormone EPO, human growth hormone and insulin.

He also said that he gave substances to Oakland Raiders players Bill Ro-

to Oakland Raiders players Bill Romanowski, Barret Robbins, Chris Cooper, and Dana Stubblefield.

# Trophy, \$5M check cap Busch's season

## Nextel Cup champ leads drivers into Manhattan for awards party

BY MIKE HARRIS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Kurt Busch's busy week of celebration was capped Friday night with his acceptance of NASCAR's Nextel

Cup championship trophy. A day earlier, he walked out of a midtown hotel and into a crowd of people calling his name and asking for autographs.

He was on the way to lead a noisy, colorful procession of stock cars in a slow parade lap across Manhattan with hundreds of people lining the streets to take in the strange sight.

Later Thursday, he addressed champions of NASCAR's far-flung regional series, telling them they could be where he is some day - if they are both good and lucky

The 26-year-old Busch has worn a sort of stunned smile all week as he has been feted and praised for winning the Nextel Cup championship in only his fourth full season in NASCAR's

"On Tuesday, I couldn't believe everything that was happening the TV shows, the dinners, the fans," he said in a rare quiet moment during NASCAR's champi-ons week. "I didn't think it would ever end. Now, I don't want it to end. It's just been amazing."

The finale to the biggest week of his life came when Nextel ending its first season as the series' title sponsor — presented Busch with a check for \$5.36 million from the 2004 points fund.

That brought Busch's total earnings this year to \$9,677,543.

"It's truly mind-boggling," he said. "The money is something you don't even think about as you're racing for a championship and trying to keep your head above water and just do the best job you can for yourself, your team and the series."

Busch said he was particularly pleased to be able to share the head table at the awards ceremony with team owner Jack Roush and crew chief Jimmy Fennig.

"It's been a fantastic year," Busch said. "We dodged a lot of bullets and I'm just so happy to be able to give Jack his second championship Jimmy his first one. I owe those guys so much.

"Jack took a chance on a driver who maybe had some raw ability but was unproven. We knew we had a championship team and championship equipment and Jimmy gave me so much of his experience to draw from to learn to be a championship driver.'

Matt Kenseth gave Roush his



Kurt Busch, the 2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup champion, makes an acceptance speech at the NASCAR Awards Banquet in New York's Wardorf Astoria Hotel on Friday.

first Cup title last season, his 16th on a car owner the circuit.

"Both Matt and Kurt have something in common," Roush said, "They are determined to

"It shouldn't surprise anybody that Kurt is a champion. It just took him a little while to learn how to get it done, and this won't be his last championship in this decade."

Each of the drivers who made it into NASCAR's first-ever 10-man, 10-race Chase for the Nextel Cup championship was honored Friday night. Also recognized was 11th-place finisher Jamie McMurray. Each collected checks for at least \$1 million

Nextel, which replaced longtime series sponsor Winston this season, was given the NASCAR Marketing Achievement Award.

Busch, who at times has clashed on and off track with other drivers and has more often than not been booed by the fans, said he thoroughly enjoyed the congratulations from his competitors and the warm smiles and cheers of fans throughout the week here

"I'm going to do my best to be the kind of champion this year that everyone will be proud of, he said. "And, maybe if I do a good enough job, they'll let me do it again next year. It's a lot of

## Bryan twins rescue U.S. in Davis Cup

The Associated Press

SEVILLE, Spain - The Bryan twins saved the United States from a quick exit in the Davis Cup final.

Bob and Mike Bryan defeated the Spanish pair of Tommy Robredo and Juan Carlos Ferrero on Saturday, winning 6-0, 6-3, 6-2 to leave Spain with a 2-1 lead going into Sunday's reverse sin-

The Spanish are trying to win their second Davis Cup title. The Americans are trying to win their 32nd title, but their first since

The Bryans won the first set in 27 minutes, sweeping the Spanish duo as U.S. teammates iumped the bench to celebrate hard-won points.

Playing before another sellout of 27,200 in Olympic Stadium, the Spanish settled down a bit in the second But the Americans broke Snain's serve to take a 5-3 lead and Bob Bryan served out the 6-3 set victory.

The Americans broke Spain in the first game of the final set and ended up closing out the match in 1 hour, 39 minutes.

The Bryans — Bob the left-hander and Mike the right-hander—are now 5-0 in the Davis Cup and have not lost a set since joining the team 15 months

Spanish captain Jordi Arrese named Ferrero on Saturday to play doubles with Robredo, replacing 18-year-old Rafael Nadal. Nadal was called in to replace Ferrero in Friday's singles and defeated Andy Roddick.

## Americans go 1-2 in Miller's fourth World Cup win The Associated Pres.

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. Bode Miller won his fourth World Cup ski race this season and Daron Rahlves was second Fri-day — the first 1-2 finish for the United States in the downhill.

"It's about time," Rahlves said. "It's what we wanted - both of us on the podium."

Miller and Rahlves started season saying each wanted to win the overall World Cup title. Miller, the World Cup leader, has won four of the five races so far and was second Thursday in the super-G won by Stephan Goergl of Austria.

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"It's far too early to think about the overall," said Miller, trying to become the first American man since Phil Mahre in 1983 to win the overall title.

Miller finished in 1 minute 39.76 seconds for the 16th win of his career. Rahlves was second in 1:39.92 and Michael Walchhofer of Austria was third in 1:40.15.

"I was flying," Miller said. "I was rolling ... I was doing things with instinct and reaction. A phenomenal feeling.

When Rahlves came through the finish of the steep run, Miller and Bryon Friedman, who was seventh, stormed into the sun-bathed finish area. All three hugged, waving a big American flag for the cheering crowd.

#### IISA's Kildow surnrises with first World Cup ski victory

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta — Lindsey Kildow of the United States won her first World Cup race Friday, taking the season's first downhill in 1 minute, 23.44

The 20-year-old Kildow battled

wind and swirling snow on a shortened men's Olympic downhill course

"It's so awesome," said Kildow, whose previous best finishes were third and fifth last year in downhills at Cortina, Italy. "I just tried to stay as relaxed as possible. The main thing for me is not to be nervous because I have the skiing ability.

Carole Montillet-Carles France was second in 1:23.63, fol-lowed by Hilde Gerg of Germany

#### German Olympian found guilty of riding doped horse

GENEVA - Ludger Beerbaum of Germany was found guilty of riding a doped horse at the Athens Olympics, and the International Equestrian Federation said the country should lose its team jumping gold medal.

The International Olympic Committee's executive board can now strip Germany of its medal, giving the gold to the United

Last month, the German eques-trian federation said a backup sample had confirmed the initial positive result for Beerbaum's horse, Goldfever. The rider, who has denied cheating, said the banned steroid betamethasone was contained in a skin ointment.

## Westwood leads in Sun City

SUN CITY, South Africa - Lee Westwood ignored temperatures in the high 90s to shoot a 1-under 71 Saturday and take the lead after three rounds of the Nedback Challenge.

Westwood who had three-round total of 5-under 211. held a one-shot lead over Retief Goosen and a two-shot margin over Stuart Appleby heading into Sunday's final round.

Saturday's best round came from Jim Furyk, who shot a 6-under 66 that included eight birdies. He moved into a tie for sixth with Ernie Els.

#### Hornets trade for Dickau

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Hornets traded veteran guard Darrell Armstrong to the Dallas Mavericks for third-year player Dan Dickau.

The 36-year-old Armstrong was brought in to lead the Hornets' second unit, but often started this season and last because of injuries to Baron Davis, who currently is out with an inflamed disk in his lower back.

Armstrong has averaged 10.6 points and four assists in 93 games with New Orleans.



# Chargers have more at stake vs. Broncos this time

BY DAVE GOLDBERG

The Associated Press

The San Diego Chargers didn't expect to be leading the AFC West at this point in the season. And the Denver Broncos probably didn't expect to be trailing the Chargers in the standings.

But that's where the Broncos are, a game behind the NFL's most positive surprise, as they head to San Diego for Sunday's NFC West showdown.

The Chargers are favored by three points over a team that heat them 23-13 in the third week of the season. Since then, San Diego has won seven of eight and is riding a five-game winning streak

Despite that, Denver could effectively take the division lead with a victory, which would give them a two-game sweep and the tiebreaker over the Chargers.

The Chargers (8-3) were in a similar position in 2002.

"I know what happened two years ago," quarterback Drew Brees says. "We were sitting here at 8-4 thinking, 'Well, if we just win half of our next four games, we're in the playoffs,' and we lose four straight. I don't think that was the attitude to have

Brees was held in such low es teem after last season that the Chargers got Philip Rivers to be their quarterback of the future.

But their quarterback of the past has been playing so well that Rivers has been sitting. Brees, who will be a free agent after the season, has assured himself of a huge paycheck next season.

The Broncos have been erratic. losing at home in the snow to Oakland last week. The Chargers have been consistent, especially on offense, where they are second in the NFL with 29 points per

Brees is third in passer rating behind Indianapolis' Peyton Manning and Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper. Tough call. ... CHARG-ERS 32-28.

Green Bay (plus 6) at Philadelphia: The Eagles are saying the right things about keeping the momentum going. They'll do the right thing, too. ... EAGLES

Atlanta (plus 1) at Tampa Bay: The Falcons can become the second team to clinch a division. Kicker Jay Taylor, who replaces Martin Gramatica, keeps them waiting one more week. ... BUCS 19-17

Dallas (plus 7) at Seattle (Monday night): Mike Holmgren is comparing his Seahawks to the 1988 San Francisco 49ers, who went from 6-5 to a Super Bowl victory. Wishful thinking. ... SEA-HAWKS 21-17

Pittsburgh (minus 3) at Jacksonville: The Steelers are due to lose. ... JAGUARS 16-14.

New England (minus 8) at Cleveland: Bill Belichick was concerned this week that the Browns scored 48 points. He neglected to say they allowed 58. Maybe that's why offensive coordinator Terry

## **NFL** picks

Robiskie is Cleveland's interim coach instead of Dave Campo, his defensive counterpart. ... PATRI-OTS 58-3.

Tennessee (plus 101/2) at Indianapolis: Peyton Manning needs eight TD passes to break Dan Marino's record. COLTS record. ... 27-20

Houston (plus 61/2) at New York Jets: Chad Pennington returns to quarterback the Jets. ... JETS 20-16.

Cincinnati (plus 61/2) at Baltimore: No 58 points for the Ben-

gals this week. ... RAVENS 20-9. San Francisco (plus 101/2) at St. Louis: The Rams get to the fast track. ... RAMS 45-17.

Minnesota (minus 7) at Chicago: Chad Hutchinson is the Bears fourth quarterback this season. ... VIKINGS 27-7.

Buffalo (minus 31/2) at Miami: Willis McGahee has made Buffa-lo a lot better. ... BILLS 20-10. Carolina (plus 11/2) at New Or-

leans: Carolina is too banged up to win four straight. ... SAINTS 30-27

New York Giants (plus 2) at Washington: New York's Eli Manning faces another tough defense. GIANTS 3-2.

Arizona (plus 6) at Detroit: John Navarre goes back to Michigan as the third quarterback to start for the Cardinals. ... LIONS

20-3. Kansas City (OFF) at Oakland: Kerry Collins is good when protected. He will be against this defense. ... RAIDERS 32-31.

Last week: 4-12 (spread), 11-5 (straight un).

84-89-3 Season: (spread). 116-60 (straight up).





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# Wallace returns but Pistons fall to Spurs |Hearing|

SAN ANTONIO - Ben Wallace's return to the Detroit Pistons' lineup was far less eventful than his last appearance for the defending NRA champions

Coming off a six-game suspension for his role in the brawl involving the Indiana Pacers and fans in Detroit, Wallace had five points and nine rebounds in 33 rusty minutes in the Pistons' 80-77 loss to the San Antonio

Spurs on Friday night. "I've just got to slow down out there," Wallace said. "My hands are moving faster than my feet. Wallace shoved Indiana's Ron

Artest after absorbing a hard foul in the last game he played on Nov. 19. That altercation led to the wild events at The Palace in which Artest and Pacers teammates fought fans in the stands and on the court

The Pistons (7-8) saved their aggression for the Spurs on Friday night, and rallied from a 21-point deficit to get within one of San Antonio — the 2003 NBA champion. They just couldn't complete the comeback

NBA scoreboard

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Soattle Minnesota

Portland Denver Utah

Golden State

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**Western Conference** 

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Friday's games

Boston 91, Toronto 89 Washington 114, Atlanta 90

San Antonio 80, Detroit 77 Memphis 94, Philadelphia 86 Miami 105, Chicago 81 Minnesota 97, Phoenix 93 Sacramento 113, Indiana 87 L.A. Lakers 97, Golden State 88 Saturday's games

Washington 114, Atlanta 9 Orlando 104, New York 98 San Antonio 80, Detroit 77

Memphis at Orlando New York at Charlotte

Utah at Dallas San Antonio at Milwaukee Philadelphia at Houston Miami at Denver Portland at Seattle

Indiana at Golden State Minnesota at L.A. Clippe

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Monday's ga Toronto at New Jersey Philadelphia at Atlanta San Antonio at Chicago Detroit at Dallas Miami at Utah Orlando at Denver Charlotte at L.A. Clippers Boston at Golden State

Phoenix at Portland Monday's games

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fought back, but the loss hurts," Pistons coach Larry Brown said 'To beat this team, coming back from so far down on their home

court would have been huge." Tony Parker scored 20 points and Brent Barry hit two free throws in the final seconds to seal

the victory for the Spurs (14-3). Chauncey Billiums scored all of his 18 points in the fourth quarter, including a three-pointer that cut the Spurs' lead to one with 7.9

seconds left But the Pistons fouled Barry 3 seconds later and he hit both free throws for his only points. Malik Rose then stole the inbounds nass, but missed two free throws. Rasheed Wallace's desperation three-pointer sailed over the backboard at the buzzer. Spurs center Tim Duncan had

18 points and 18 rebounds.

Timberwolves 97. Suns 93: Kevin Garnett had 23 points, 19 rebounds and eight assists, and visiting Minnesota ended Phoenix's nine-game winning streak.

points in the fourth quarter to help the Timberwolves win their fourth in a row and hand the Suns just their third defeat in 16 games. Garnett had 11 offensive rebounds.

Amare Stoudemire had 28 points but only four rebounds for

Kings 113. Pacers 87: At Sacramento, Calif., Chris Webber made his first eight shots and scored 29 points to lead the Kings to their 10th victory in 11 games.

Brad Miller had 17 points and 13 rehounds against his former Indiana teammates. Sacramento outrebounded the Pacers 57-28.

Since Indiana beat the Kings on March 3, 2002, Sacramento is 35-1 against Eastern Conference teams at home.

Lakers 97, Warriors 88: At Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant had 10 noints 10 assists and a season-high 12 rebounds for his second triple-double of the season in the Lakers' victory over Golden

Caron Butler scored a season-high 27 points, and Chris Mihn had 15 points and 10 reriors their fourth straight loss. The Lakers have won 19 of their last 21 home games against Golden State dating to 1993-94.

Knicks 104, Magic 98: At New York, Cuttino Mobley scored 34 points in his second game back from a groin injury and made two hustle plays down the stretch to lead Orlando.

Wizards 114, Hawks 90: At Atlanta, Larry Hughes scored 19 points, Juan Dixon added 17, and Washington went four games over .500 for the first time in almost three years.

Celtics 91. Raptors 89: At Boston, Gary Payton saved his biggest contribution for last, going scoreless but stealing the ball in the final seconds to help the Celtics win

Grizzlies 94, 76ers 86: At Memphis, Tenn., Pau Gasol had 34 points and 15 rebounds in the Grizzlies' first game under new coach Mike Fratello.

Heat 105, Bulls 81: At Chicago, Christian Laettner scored 23 points, Eddie Jones had 21 and Shaquille O'Neal added 18 for Miami.

# set for brawl appeal

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two weeks after the fact, lawyers for the NBA and the players' union had their own little brawl.

Attorneys for the two sides fought before an arbitrator and in federal court Friday, arguing over what avenues of appeal should be employed for the four players suspended by Commissioner David Stern for fighting with fans during a Nov. 19 Pacers-Pistons game.

Arbitrator Roger Kaplan ruled that he has jurisdiction to decide whether the brawl-related suspensions given to Ron Artest other players can be appealed to someone other than Stern, and the NBA responded by filing a lawsuit in federal court challeng. ing the arbitrator's authority.

Kaplan scheduled a hearing for next Thursday, although the matter will next be contested Monday in U.S. District Court in Manhat-

Also, the Oakland County prose cutor's office said it believes authorities have identified each of the Indiana Pacers players and fans who violated state law in a brawl last month at The Palace, though it will not release identi-ties until charges are filed.

The NBA's suit named the National Basketball Players Association, Artest, Stephen Jackson, Anthony Johnson and Jermaine O'Neal as defendants and said they improperly tried to require the NBA to litigate the propriety of the suspensions before a grievance arbitrator.

The NBA contends the commissioner has sole authority under collective bargaining rules for imposing discipline on players for on-court behavior.

The players' union argues it never agreed to the spirit of any rule that would give the commissioner unchecked power to levy suspensions of the length he gave to Artest (the remainder of the 2003-04 season), Jackson (30 games), O'Neal (25 games) and Anthony Johnson (five games) for fighting with fans during a wild melee at the end of an Indiana Pacers-Detroit Pistons game two weeks ago.

"Ultimately, one way or another, that issue is likely to get decid-ed in federal court," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "Our view was (the arbitrator) should not even look at it, so we didn't submit anything.' In his ruling, Kaplan indicated

the hearing would first decide the arbitability of the union's attempt to challenge Stern's penalties. If he were to rule in the union's

favor, he would then hear arguments on whether the commissioner had just cause to levy some of the longest fight-related suspensions in league history.

The union said the suspended

players would travel to New York for the hearing, although the league could ask for a temporary restraining order halting any such proceeding.

#### Friday Celtics 91. Raptors 89

TORONTO — Bosh 5-12 3-4 13, Carter 5-17 2-2 12, Woods 3-8 2-3 8, Rose 7-13 3-4 19, Al-ston 1-9 0-0 2, Marshall 7-15 2-2 17, Palacio 3-6 0-0 6, Bonner 5-7 0-10, Peterson 0-1 0-0 0, Murray 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 37-91 12-15 89. 0, Murray 1-3 0-0 2. 10418 3 7-91 12-15 89.

BOSTON — Welsch 3-8 3-4 10, LaFrentz
6-112-3 14, Blount 11-15 0-0 22, Payton 0-6 0-0
0, Pierce 4-16 11-15 20, Davis 4-6 4-7 13, Jeffers
son 1-5 1-2 3, Allien 2-5 0-2 4, Banks 2-4 0-0 5,
Cocarty 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-8 21-33 91.

Toronto

Boston

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Boston 18 25 21 25—91
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Marshall 1-5, Peterson 0-1, Murray 0-1, Cart0-3, Alston 0-6), Boston 4-12 (Banks 1-1,
McCarty 0-2), Fouled out—None, Rebounds— Toronto 88 (Marshall 11), Boston 56
(LaFrentz 11), Assists—Toronto 21 (Palacio,
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#### Wizards 114. Hawks 90

WASHINGTON — Jamison 5-11 2-2 13, Jef-fries 5-7 1-2 12, Haywood 3-4 5-6 11, Arenas 4-7 3-3 13, Hughes 8-16 2-2 19, Brown 3-6 4-8 10, Ruffin 1-3 1-2 3, Hayes 3-8 2-2 9, Peeler 2-9 1-2 7. Dixon 6-12 2-2 17. Totals 40-83 23-31 114. \*\*
ATLANTA = Harrington 5-13 6-10 16. A.Walker 8-23 9-11 26, Collier 2-2 0-0 4, Ander-son 4-6 1-1 9, Childress 0-4 0-0 0, Delk 3-10 1-3 8, Willis 7-4 1-2 5, Barry 1-2 0-0 3, Jos. Smith 5-6 1-2 11, Diaw 2-5 0-0 4, Drobnjak 1-3 0-0 2, MCCoy 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 3-47-9 19-29 0.

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## Magic 104, Knicks 98

ORLANDO — Hill 9-14 3-4 21, Howard 4-6 2-4 10, Cato 0-2 4-4 4, Francis 9-22 8-8 26, Steverson 2-2 0-4 Battle 1-2 1-2 3, Mobley 10-21 8-10 34, Turkoglu 1-5 0-0 2, Kasun 0-1 0-0 0, Nelson 0-3 0-0 0, Augmon 0-0 0-0 0. To-tals 36-78 26-32 104.

tals 36-78 26-32 104, **NEW YORK** - K.Thomas 8-10 0-0 16, T.Tho-mas 7-15 3-4 18, Mohammed 1-5 1-1 3, Craw-ford 10-24 2-2 23, Marbury 11-21 5-8 28, Ariza 0-1 0-0 0, Hardaway 2-5 0-1 4, Sweetney 2-3 2-2 6, J.Williams 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-86 13-18

New York Three-Point Goals—Orlando 6-12 (Mobley G-10, Francis 0-1, Turkoglu o 1), New York 3-12 (Turkonas 1-6, Carwhorl E-A, Medruury 1-7, New York 3-14 (Mohammed 12), Assists—Orlando 18 (Cato 10), New York 3 (Mohammed 12), Assists—Orlando 18 (Francis 6), New York 15 (Mohammed 12), Assists—Orlando 18 (Francis 6), New York 15 (Mohammed 12), Assists—Orlando 17, New York 20, A—19,763 (19,763).

## Spurs 80, Pistons 77

DETROIT — Prince 3-6 4-6 10, R.Wallace 5-18 0-2 10, B.Wallace 2-9 1-3 5, Billups 5-9 4-4 18, Hamilton 4-14 0-0 8, Delfino 2-3 0-0 5, McDyess 4-8 5-8 13, Hunter 2-9 4-4 8, Jenkins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-76 18-27 77.

0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-76 18-21 77.

SAN ANTONIO — Bowen 3-6 2-2 8, Duncan
8-18.1-2 18, Nesterovic 1-3 0-0 2, T.Parker 9-16
2-2 20, Ginobilli 6-10 4-7 18, Rose 2-7 3-7 7,
Barry 0-4 2-3 2, Udrih 0-1 0-0 0, D.Brown 2-6
0-0 5, Massenburg 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-72
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## Grizzlies 94, 76ers 86

PHILADELPHIA — Davis 1-2 0-0 2, Korver 5-11 0-0 12, Jackson 8-12 1-3 17, Werson 8-7 8-10 25, Iguodala 2-4 0-4 4, Thomas 7-13 0-0 14, Dalembert 2-4 0-0 4, Salmons 3-8 0-2 6, McKle 0-0 0-0 0, Tecen 1-4 0-0 2, Skinner 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-86 9-19 86. 0-0 u. rotais 37-86 9-15 86. MEMPHIS — Battler 5-10 2-2 12, Gasol 12-19 10-11 34, Wright 3-7 0-2 6, Williams 2-11 0-0 5, Wells 2-7 2-2 6, Miller 7-12 0-0 19, Wat-son 1-3 1-1 3, Posey 2-5 1-2 5, Swift 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 36-80 16-20 94.

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Three-Point Goals—Philadelphia 3:12 (Korver 2-4, Iverson 1-4, Green 0-1, Buodala 0-1, Salmons 0-2), Memphis 5-28 (Miller 5-10, Williams 1-8, Watson 0-1, Posey 0-2, Wells 0-2, Battier 0-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 90 (Thomas 8), Memphis 30 (Gasol 15). Assists—Philadelphia 17 (Iguodala 0-16). Report 2-1, Wellson 1-1, Wellson 1-1

## Heat 105, Bulls 81

MIAMI — Person 4-11 0-0 10, Haslem 2-4 1-1 5, O'Neal 7-14 4-8 18, Wade 6-12 3-8 15, E.Jones 7-11 4-5 21, Doleac 1-3 2-2 4, Laettner 10-13 2-2 23, D.Jones 3-8 0-0 9, Anderson 0-1 0-0 0, Dooling 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 40-79 16-26 105. 0-0 0, Dooling 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 40-79 16-26 105. CHICAGO — Deng 5-13 1-1 12, Davis 1-4 0-0 2, Curry 1-6 1-2 3, Hinrich 5-12 4-4 17, Duhon 6-11 0-0 15, Chandider 4-12 1-4 9, Sordon 4-10 0-0 8, Nocioni 2-8 1-3 5, Harrington 4-7 0-0 8, Platkowski 0-0 0-0 0, Griffin 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 33-88 8-14 81. 24 29 25 27-105

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Three-Point Goals—Miami 9-20 (ELones 3-6, DJones 3-6, Person 2-4, Laettner 1-1, Anderson 0-1, Dooling 0-2, Chicago 7-17 (Duhon 3-4, Hinrich 3-6, Deng 1-4, Gordon 0-1, Nocioni 0-2), Fouled out – None, Rebound of the 1-1 (Notioni 0-2), Total fouls—Mamil 12 (Wade 8), Chicago 24, Technicalis—ELones, Flagrant fouls—Nocioni. A =1,886 02 (2.711).

#### Timberwolves 97, Suns 93

MINNESOTA — Szczerbiak 5-14 3-6 14, Gar-nett 11-25 1-3 23, Madsen 1-1 0-2 2, Cassell 9-19 0-0 19, Sprewell 8-15 2-2 22, Olowokandi 2-6 0-2 4, Hudson 0-3 0-0 0, Hassell 1-2 2-2 4, Holberg 1-2 0-0 3, Griffin 2-8 1-1 6, Carter 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-95 9-18 97.

0-0.0. Totals 40-95 9-18 97.

PHOENIX — Richardson 5-16 0-0 12, Marion 9-21 3-4 21, Stoudemire 11-21 6-7 28, Nash 9-17 4-4 22, Johnson 2-11 0-0 4, Voskuhl 0-1 21, Barbosan 1-2 2-4, Jacobsen 0-2 0-0.

Outlaw 0-0 0-0 0, Hunter 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 37-92 17-219.

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Three-Point Goals-Minnesota 8-19
(Sprewell 4-5, Holberg 1-2, Cassell 1-3, Griffle 1-3, Szczerbiak 1-5, Hudson 0-1), Phoenix 2-18 (Richardson 2-6, Acabbsen 0-1, Barbosa 0-1, LJohnson 0-3, Mash 0-3, Marion 0-4), LJohnson 0-3, Mash 0-3, Marion 0-4, LJohnson 0-3, Mash 0-3, Marion 1-8, Marion 1-8,

## Kings 113, Pacers 87

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## Lakers 97, Warriors 88

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# **SPORTS**



Utah's Meyer snubs Notre Dame, decides to take coaching job at Florida, Page 40

2004 All-Europe football team

# **Leaving an impression**

This season's crop of all-stars driven by group of distinguished performers

> BY RUSTY BRYAN Stars and Stripes

t goes without saying that the 41 individuals, seven of them at two positions, selected for the 2004 DODDS All-Europe football team are the most accomplished players on the continent.

The players, selected by a panel of six high school coaches, are best exemplified by Heidelberg's 255-pound junior lineman Brandon Simmons, picked for the second straight year as a two-way all-star.

But a rough survey of high school coaches, on and off the panel, uncovered a select few of the All-Europeans

who made indelible impressions on their opponents They are players who, in the words of Menwith Hill's Pete Resnick "rose above the cream" of the crop.

Start with Rota running back Joseph Casey.
"He maybe wasn't the best runner we saw," AFNORTH's Greg Blankenship said, "but he did every-

thing for them. "We hit him with every kid on our team and he still gained 175 yards. When he was on defense, we made sure we hit him two or three times on every play. He never backed down, and when the game was over, he was the first to come over and shake everyone's hand. He's a true All-European

Backs such as Casey, the only 1,000-yard rusher on this year's team with 1,027, weren't confined to Division III. Paul Fry and Dan Villareal of Division I champion Wiesbaden drew the votes of several coaches, as did Philip Lipman of Division II runner-up International School of Brus-

"Fry had a great year," Ramstein coach Glenn Porter iid. "He always had forward momentum. He always made at least three or four yards. He's my kind of football player.

Mannheim's Burt Blank got his first look at Fry and Villareal in the Division I title game

"Fry and Villareal didn't want to lose," Blank said They took the team on their shoulders. They would not go down.

Lipman finally did go down, in a 31-0 loss to SHAPE in the Division II title game, but not before he impressed the onlookers

"He's a tough, tough kid," Ansbach's Mar-cus George said of the 5-foot-10, 195-pound halfback who played quarterback for his team 20 percent of the time. "He knew exactly what he was doing out there at all times.

Hanau's Sam Cassou agreed.

"That kid is strong," Cassou said. "He can run." When it came to running, none did it better than Ansbach tailback James Esters, who averaged just under 13 yards per carry last season, and Ansbach fullback Dameon Outley, who gained 16 yards every time he ran the ball

"Those Ansbach backs were just awesome," said Menwith Hill's Resnick after seeing them combine for 361 yards in Ansbach's 54-14 title game victory over Baum holder. It was the third straight European Division III title for Ansbach, which has won 24 consecutive games.

"To have a fullback with that kind of speed and power is amazing." Resnick said. "He'd be a super tailback on any other team, and he's playing behind an even faster

Much of the reason for all those Outley-Eesters yards is Ansbach's All-Europe interior line - center Adam Golden and guards Mike Ewing and Dan Lozano "The Vicenza coach told me that when he saw Ewing

and Lozano pull on the sweep," George recalled, "he said, 'It's going to be a long day

Heidelberg running back Lewis Allen rushed for 919 yards and 10 touchdowns during the 2004 season.

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from the 2003 team











C.J. Battle, Bamberg, and Nick Trice. Heidelberg.

3 - Most two-way players

berg.

from one team: (tie) Ansbach (James Esters, Dameon Outley, Adam Golden) and SHAPE (Joe Puttmann, Richard Rendon, Matt Anderson)

By the numbers

Sophomores selected:

 Freshmen selected. Two-time, two-way selection: Brandon Simmons, Heidel-

5 — Slots filled by D-1 champion Wiesbaden.

6 - Slots filled by D-1 runner-up Heidelberg. 7 — Two-way players chosen: Ansbach and SHAPE trios plus

Simmons of Heidelberg 8 - Slots filled by D-2 champion SHAPE

9 - Slots filled by D-3 champion Anshach.

13 — Juniors selected. 33 — Seniors selected.

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Joe Puttmann



Richard Rendon SHAPE





